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Editorials

"STRANGE INTERLUDE"

By Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

"Strange Interlude" has come and gone and this fair city of the good is just recovering from the shock. To have lingered in the lobby for a moment or two, entre acts, was a revelation indeed. From the conversations of some properly disgusted persons (who didn't miss a single word, mind you, and who remained rivetted to their seats until the final curtain fell) one would surmise that the play should have been called "Strange Inter*iewd*" since to them is seemed so "offensive and lewd and lascivious and indecent" to quote the words of the New England Judge who barred "Jurgen" from Boston, that glorious city of culture and beans and bans. The salacious titterings and the puerile giggles that punctuated many of its subtlest and sublimest scenes bore eloquent witness to the presence there of many a prurient and puny soul who waited avidly to drink in the last possible phrase and then scurried forth to criticise and to condemn such pornographic stuff which, in reality, but mirrored the perversions of their own pernicious minds. Such individuals agreed that this kind of play ought to be strictly censored; but only after they had been afforded the opportunity to pass judgment upon them. "Honi soit mal y pense". As for us, we have nought but infinite pity for those who were deaf to the poetic beauty, the intellectual candour, the spiritual struggle which "Strange Interlude" in reality, presents and who saw in its pages, which we would willingly read aloud in any dignified company, nothing but schoolboy exhibitionism.

And we were just homiletic enough to derive from this play a mighty message which because of its timeliness we would convey to our readers this week. Wherein lay the true tragedy of "Strange Interlude"? Primarily in the frustrated life of one pathetic woman, denied the Fruition of her ardent love and harried by the insatiable desire to find her ideal which no reality on earth could supplant. But there were other lives, tied to her by the tentacles of her strangely split personality, that likewise ended in failure. But did each character of the play disintegrate and degenerate into spiritual death and decay? Simply because, with the exception of him who "passing beyond desire had all the luck at last", they all sought too deliberately their happiness and craved too covetously to have and to hold and to possess. They all superficially concurred in the gospel that merely "being happy is the nearest we can come to knowing what the good is". But what they forgot was that life itself has not so ordered our destiny that happiness should be the chief objective of our careers.

Happiness is that strange capricious something which ever eludes us when we seek with greedy fingers to grasp it, but which creeps softly and silently into our souls when we dedicate heart and mind to other and higher ends; when we plunge into the chaotic sea of life and seek to solve the complex problems of existence—our own and our neighbors'—; when we strive to fulfill the finest within ourselves, to realize our utmost capacities as human beings, and thus to achieve some cosmic significance. Then if happiness comes it is well and good; we are fortunate. If it fails us; 'Gam zu l'tovo'. This also is good, we must be patient. Life is not soft or easy. "Life is real, life is earnest". Life is not comfort nor luxury nor possesssion nor even happiness. That was the tragedy of "Strange Interlude". Life is a battle on sea and land, against untoward circumstance without and pulsating desires within, for a newer and better world for mankind and a finer and loftier personality for ourselves.

And such is the message which O'Neill, erroneously called high priest of pessimism, dark prophet of despair, cheap purveyor of filth and dirt, embodies in all his dramas, but never quite so significantly as in "Strange Interlude". The key to a proper understanding of this play, hailed by George Jean Nathan as a "drama not surpassed by any that Europe has given us in recent years and certainly by none that has been produced in America," is to be found in Dr. Darrel's pathetic but profoundly veracious utterance: "We must not learn the cry for happiness". This to us is the dominant theme of the play, its leit motive and fundamental purpose.

The pitiful and strident cry of O'Neill's characters merely for happiness meets with failure and frustration. Only in rare moments of self sacrifice and epic heroism did glints of happiness creep into their hearts: Nina sacrificing the child she loved more than life itself for another's sake; Nina refusing to capitulate to her paramour and to seize her happiness lest she break her husband's heart and drive him mad; Nina, called by many immoral, demented, vulgar, and cruel, bending over his stricken body and piteously sobbing "Dear husband, I shall give you my happiness again". And Dr. Darrel, fighting all his life to rid his conscience of that devastating complex created by a long forced silence, yet remaining forever speechless because "To kill happiness is a worse murder than taking life". Such are the heights of surrender to which O'Neill's characters at times ascend and in such moments, tragic though they be, they knew the profoundest joy of life. The author of "Strange Interlude" has wisely phrased his philosophy of existence in a paragraph culled from another source, "Achievement", he writes, "in the narrow sense of possession is a stale finale. Dreams that can be completely realized are not worth dreaming. The higher the dream, the more impossible its fruition. But it is not our function, therefore, to dream only those dreams that are easily attained. A man may will his own defeat when he pursues the unattainable. But his struggle is his success.

He becomes a living symbol of the spiritual significance which life attains when it aims high enough, when the individual fights all those hostile forces within and without himself to achieve a future of nobler values". It is this profound paradox of life that O'Neill has poured into his every play: In the character of an erswhile Pullman porter become the emperor of a distant kingdom, fleeing before his own superstitious fears: of a lowly harlot, seeking solace in drink in a water front dive; of a sweating stoker frantically shovelling coal in a mighty vessel's hull; and of Nina, a frustrated woman seeking her phantom lover—in all of them he has embodied this single truth and teaching. or this reason, O'Neill is infinitely worth while. We might almost say he is one of the greatest preachers of our day and that "Strange Interlude" was infinitely worth seeing.

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Dr. Jack C. Presner, of New York City, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. A. Presner, Hutchison Street.

Mrs. D. Fitch, Sherbrooke Street West, is in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Barnett, of Hamilton, Ont., are expected in town the week of January 16, to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Freedman, Kensington Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ginsberg, and family, Academy Road, have left to stay for the remainder of the winter at Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. J. Goldberg, of New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. P. Dobrofsky, Sherbrooke Street West.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Margolick, Roslyn Avenue, have left for New York, Atlantic City, and southern points.

Percy Silverman, of Bradford, England, who was the guest of his brother, Ben Silverman, St. Luke Street, has returned.

Misses Pearl Wiseman, of Smith Falls, Ont., and Dorothy Rosenbloom, of Sherbrooke, Que., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Feldman for the holidays.

Among those who entertained as a courtesy to Miss Goldie Maron, a bride-elect of this month were Miss Rose Silverman, Esplanade Avenue, at bridge; Misses Florence Shapiro, Goldie Levine, Nellie Nathanson and Sara Shragovitch, crystal shower at the Trocadero, for 60 guests; Mrs. Morris Weiner, Cote St. Antoine Road, bridge and evening; Mrs. P. Pepper, Decarie Blvd., handkerchief shower and bridge; and Mrs. B. Brownstein, Hutchison Street, personal shower.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldberg, Querbes Avenue, entertained at a birthday party, December 28, in honor of their daughter, Florence, who celebrated her eighteenth birthday. Misses Shirley Witkov, Corona Brotman, Mildred Shriber, Sid Breger, Mary Epstein, Ruth Routbard, Margo Pipenberg, Shirley and Janet Goldberg and Dave Montefiore, Eddie Wallace, Morrie Richman, Al Silverstone, Moe Burt, Joe Epstein, Leonard Samuels, John Schlesinger, Arthur Schwartz, Manley Sichel, and Abe Roller, of Burlington, Vt., were there.

Abe Roller, of Burlington, Vt., who stopped at the Windsor Hotel, has returned.

Mrs. Sam Cowan, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhorn, of Toronto.

Mrs. Jess Perlman, of New York, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Max I. Sigler, Lajoie Avenue.

Miss Frances Grinker, of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Berlund, Cote St. Catherine Road.

Mrs. S. C. Brownstein, Claremont Avenue, is expecting her mother, Mrs. Toba Sachs, of Ottawa, next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Arnovitz, 5175 Sherbrooke Street West, have moved to Haddon Hall Apartments, 2162 Sherbrooke West, Apartment 21.

Miss Esther Saxe, who was formerly with the Family Welfare Department of Federation and is now with the Bronx Social Service Department, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Saxe, Esplanade Avenue.

Mrs. S. Scharf, 4055 Esplanade Avenue, gave a sweet sixteen party in honor of her daughter, Ruth, Saturday, December 28, welcoming Misses Edna Schachter, Molly Nebach, Miriam Schachter, Pauline Steinberg, Molly Hymovitch, Annette Ruckenstein, Lillian Gillman, Ida Nissenberg, Mary Levine, Rebecca Boloten; and Teddy Goldstein, Sam Levine, Morris Thomas, Moe Steinberg, Ben Rosensweig, Bernard Koltoff, Bernard Engelstein, Ruby Luffer, Lou Pinsky, Sheldon Diamond, Sam Stevens, Sam Aronson, and Albert Scharf.

Miss Lily Herscovitch, 5691 Park Avenue, was hostess Tuesday evening, December 31, to Misses Claire Greenblatt, Anita Chorin, Sue Kaushansky, Sylvia Plotnick, Annette Maron, Sarah Feigleman and Fay Lipson; and Al Katz, Louis Freedlansky, Sam Cohen, Sam Shuster, Moe Greenblatt, Copple Cooper, Sydney Weisbord and Henry Druk. Al Katz was master of ceremonies. Miss Anita Chorin, Sam Shuster and Henry Druk sang. Miss Sylvia Plotnick played piano. Souvenirs and decorations.

Mrs. Wm. E. R. Beach and daughters, Marcia and Sylvia, of Brookline, Mass., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Neumann, Cote St. Antoine Road. Mrs. Michael Krall, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neumann, Decarie Boulevard.

Miss Florence Denenberg, Hutchison Street, has left to stay for a month in Sherbrooke, Que.

Miss Amelia Brownstein, Claremont Avenue, who was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Toba Sachs, in Ottawa, has returned and has now left with her father, S. C. Brownstein, for Toronto.

Miss Louise Boldman spent last week in Ottawa.

Mrs. W. Laing, Melrose Avenue, was hostess at four tables of bridge Sunday, January 5, as a courtesy to Mrs. S. Dashiff, of Ottawa, welcoming Mesdames S. Dashiff, and Salter, of Ottawa; S. Shapiro, S. Laing, N. Eidelberg, B. Shapiro, Sam Laing, N. Laing, Jr., J. Corry, N. Laing, Sr., B. Laing, L. Caplan, J. Josefo, D. Dalys and Misses Mae Raphael and Leah Laing. Prizes were won by Mesdames Sam Laing, N. Eidelberg, S. Laing and D. Dalys. A silver bon-bon dish was presented to the honoree. Mrs. N. Laing, Jr., and Miss Leah Laing assisted in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Vinitsky, 114 St. Viateur Street West, entertained at bridge Sunday evening, January 5. Mr. and Mrs. M. Adler, Mr. and Mrs. S. Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. A. Potechin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rabinovitch, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rabinovitch, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stavit, Mr. and Mrs. N. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Zinman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bronze and Mr. and Mrs. M. Freeman. Prizes were won by Mrs. L. Stavit, Mrs. S. Schwartz, A. Potechin and H. Bronze.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Friedman, Outremont Ave., have gone to Florida and Cuba, in celebration of their silver wedding anniversary. They will remain for the winter.

Harry Gordon, has left on a trip through Ontario and the States, and will be away for about two weeks.

Mrs. P. Pepper, Decarie Blvd., entertained at a handkerchief shower and bridge, Tuesday, January 7, in honor of Miss Goldie Maron, a bride-elect of this month, welcoming Mesdames Takefman, Jack Smith, A. Gliserman, R. Maron, M. Maron, B. Brownstein, H. Levine, I. Shalkin, J. Strean, J. Pepper, M. Maritzer, I. Bobrove, and Misses Esther Maron, Louise Boldman, and Sybil Margolis. M. Levy.

Misses Sara Esther and Freda Lewis, Bishop Street, were hostesses

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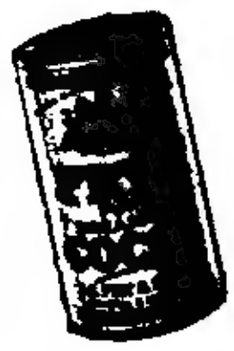
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at a formal party, December 28, in honor of Miss Norma Goldsmith, of Toronto. Misses Pauline Kanigsberg, Shirley Epstein, Esther Lewis, Norma Goldsmith, Sara and Freda Lewis, Mrs. H. Lewis and Mrs. P. Lewis; and H. Lewis, Monty Raisman, Morris Eilcove, Morton Block, Ruby Nozack, Dave Silverstone, Louis Zisensky, and Mr. Navissa, of New York, were there. A midnight supper was served. Table decorations were red and pink.

Mrs. H. Lewis, St. Catherine Street West, entertained at a tea Saturday afternoon, January 4, in honor of Miss Norma Goldsmith, of Toronto. Misses Freda Rubinovitch, Pauline Kanigsberg, Yetta Webber, Ina Fullman, Sally Freeman, Fanny Morris, Lily Freedman, Sarah Lewis, Esther and Freda Lewis and Mrs. T. Peary were there.

Mrs. T. Peary, Lincoln Avenue, entertained at a tea Monday afternoon, December 30 in honor of Miss Norma Goldsmith of Toronto. Mrs. P. Lewis, Mrs. H. Lewis, and Misses Freda and Sara Lewis were there.

Miss Bessie Goldberg, Guy St., gave a bridge, Sunday, January 5, in honor of Miss Dora Levine, of Albany, welcoming Misses Minnie, Rae, Annie, and Francis Shapiro, Dora Levine, Lily Honigman, Bessie, Annie and Lily Goldberg.

Misses Flossie and Julie Raisman and H. Raisman, arrived from England on board the "Duchess of Richmond" and are living on Esplanade Avenue.

Miss Dora Levine, of Albany, is visiting Mrs. A. Shapiro, Esplanade Avenue.

Entertaining in honor of Miss Annie Pervin, whose marriage to Max Smith, took place Wednesday, January 1, Misses Toba Greenspon and Leah Tackman, gave a linen shower at the Edinburgh; Mrs. A. Pervin, personal shower at the Pagoda; Mrs. H. Banderoff, kitchen shower at Kupchick's Grill; Mrs. S. Gilock, crystal shower in the Prince of Wales salon of the Windsor Hotel; Mrs. S. Weigensberg, Melrose Avenue, dinner; Mrs. S. Lidsky, Tupper Street, stocking shower; and Misses Bertha and Sema Pervin, pajama party.

Mrs. B. J. Segal was hostess at a bridge, Thursday, January 2, complimenting Miss Ruth Alter, of Toronto. Misses Gertrude Segal, Anna and Esise Ditko, Mesdames D. Katz, William Schwartz, H. Miller, B. A. Usheroff, L. Katz, M. Solomon, M. Roth, and J. Spunt, were there. Prizes were won by Misses Essie Ditko and Mesdames M. Solomon and H. Miller.

Lewis Wolofsky, who is attending MacDonald College, was in town for the holidays.

Miss Ida Wolman, St. Urbain Street, has returned from New York where she spent the past three weeks.

Miss Sylvia Wolofsky, St. Joseph Blvd., is back from New York where she spent the holidays.

Misses Sylvia Lazare and Ann Abramowitz, spent the holidays in New York.

Saul Oppenheim, of New York City, who was visiting his brother, and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Oppenheim, Milton Street, has returned.

In honor of Saul Oppenheim, of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Oppenheim, gave a dinner Wednesday, January 1, when guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clines, Rose Galley, Dorothy Levy and Maurice Hartt; Mr. and Mrs. J. Oppenheim, dinner at the Mount Royal Hotel, Thursday, January 2; and Maurice Hartt, dinner at the Queens Hotel, Friday, January 3, when guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Miller, Misses Rose Galley, Dorothy Levy, and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Oppenheim.

Mrs. H. G. Gittleson, Lajoie Avenue, entertained Sunday, January 5, at a mah jongg and bridge in compliment to her sister, Miss Freda Climan, a bride-elect of January 12, welcoming Mesdames M. Climan, A. Silverman, of Vancouver; C. Slabotsky, H. Singer, B. Satz, Phil Kaminsky, of Bangor, Me.; M. Slabotsky, J. L. Greenspon, L. Climan, J. Glasser, B. Climan, J. S. Rubin, Max Kaminsky, of Bangor, Me.; Dan Spector, A. Frank Fraid, J. Smith, M. Takefman, and Misses Francis Climan, Freda Climan, Rose Goldberg and Flo Schnaar. Prizes were won by Mesdames J. L. Greenspon, B. Slabotsky, Dan Spector, Max Kaminsky and Miss Francis Climan. Presentation.

Miss Evelyn Friedman entertained at her home, 1565 Van Horne Avenue, Wednesday evening, January 1, honoring Miss Mollie Cohen, whose engagement to S. Schaeffer was recently announced. Misses Mollie Cohen, Bertha B. Friedman, Mary Goldblatt, Millie Isenberg, Sybil Lax, Dora Mendelsohn, Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenberg; and S. Schaeffer, P. Cohen, L. Glazer, H. Neamtan, G. Isenberg, N. Raphael, I. J. Wainer, and William Zurif were there.

Mrs. Max H. Grover, Wellington Avenue, has left to spent some time in New York City.

Miss Rosalind Freedlander returned to Akron, Ohio, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. George W. Cohen, 108 Grovehill Place. Dr. G. Friedman and M. H. Centner, of Toronto, were also holiday guests.

As a courtesy to Miss Freda Climan, a bride-elect of January 12, Mrs. J. S. Rubin, Querbes Avenue, gave an evening and mah jongg; Mrs. B. Satz, Van Horne Avenue, evening and mah jongg; Miss Flo Schnaar Querbes Avenue, kitchen shower and mah jongg; Mrs. S. Reitman, Prudhomme Avenue, tea; Mesdames M. Takefman and J. Smith, personal shower and bridge at the Somavar Tea Room; Mrs. Norman Weiner, Vendome Avenue, tea and bridge; Miss Laura Weiner, Prudhomme Avenue, theatre and tea; Mrs. S. Abrahamson, Querbes Av-

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enue, tea and bridge; Mrs. C. Slabotsky, Querbes Avenue, crystal shower and bridge; Mrs. D. Moore, St. Joseph Boulevard West, theatre and tea; Miss Rose Goldberg, Villeneuve Avenue West, tea at the Windsor Hotel; Mrs. H. G. Gittleson, Lajoie Avenue, evening and mah jongg; Mrs. A. Frank, Joyce Avenue, luncheon and mah jongg; Miss Shirley Barnett, St. Joseph Boulevard West, theatre and tea; and Mrs. Dan Spector, St. Urbain Street, tea and bridge.

Miss Beatrice Friedman, Westmount Avenue, entertained at a book shower Friday, January 3, for Miss Elaine Neumann, a bride-elect, welcoming Mesdames J. N. Neumann, William E. R. Basch, M. Singer, I. Kaufman, A. Silverman, M. Pinsler, and Misses Marjorie Neumann, Gladys Samit, Dorothy Blumenthal, Leba Godine, Eileen Fineberg, Irene Wiseman, Sadie Kert, Kitty Pinsler, Mary Ashkaloney, Florence Jacobs, Muriel Glickman and Florence Jacobs. Misses Helen Kaufman and Ruth Friedman assisted in serving.

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Services Friday, January 10th., at 8:15 p.m. Organ recital. Sermon on "The First Modern Jew" (In commemoration of the Bicentenary of Moses Mendelssohn). After services a reception will be held in honor of Maxwell Fitch. At Saturday services at 11 a.m. the bar mitzvah of Maxwell Fitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitch takes place.

Speakers at the Third Annual Goodwill meeting Wednesday, January 22nd, will be Louis Fitch, K.C. representing the Jewish community; John Hackett, K.C., a Catholic layman, and John McMillan, on behalf of the Protestants. Each member of the Brotherhood brings a non-Jewish friend as his guest.

Executive Board of the Sisterhood met at its monthly luncheon at the Mount Royal Hotel last Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Arthur Simon, president, presided.

Temple Committees for the year: Executive Committee: Nathan Gordon, chairman; Arthur Simon, C. N. Sommer, Dr. L. Bercovitch, Maxwell Goldstein, K.C.; A. Sommer, Finance Committee: C. N. Sommer, chairman, Arthur Simon, A. Sommer, Louis Wolfe. Seating Committee: Arthur Simon, chairman: H. E. Davis, J. N. Neumann, C. N. Sommer, Louis Wolfe. Membership Committee: H. E. Davis, chairman; C. N. Sommer, Clarence Michaels, John Issenman, J. Lewinson, J. N. Neumann, L. B. Lazarus, Louis Wolfe. Ushers Committee: Arthur S. Jacobs, chairman; Stanley Davis, Bernard Kruger, Jason Neumann, Jos Frankel, David Jassby, Alfred Weiner, Jos. Laing, Henry Bercovitch, Gerald Pickelman. Ritual and Choir Committee: Nathan Gordon, chairman; Dr. Lyon Bercovitch, C. N. Sommer, Maxwell Goldstein, Mrs. J. Kruger, Rabbi Stern. Attendance Committee: Joel B. Saxe, chairman; A. Greenberg, J. Lewinson, John Issenman, Arthur S. Jacobs, in conjunction with representatives of Brotherhood and Sisterhood. House Committee: Herman Frankel, chairman; Philip Garfinkle, Mrs. J. Lewinson. Religious School Committee: Dr. Lyon Bercovitch, chairman; Arthur S. Jacobs, M. Margolick, J. Lewinson, M. H. Rosnick. Cemetery Committee: A. Sommer, chairman; and Maxwell Goldstein, Arthur Simon, H. E. Davis, C. N. Sommer.

College of Jewish Studies: Regular sessions Monday, January 13th, from 8:15-9:15: Nathan Gordon, K.C. will deal with the "Laws of the Shulchan Aruch" (The code of Jos. Caro). Jacob Benson, Advanced Hebrew. H. Rosenfeld, Elementary Hebrew. From 9:15-10:15, Rabbi Julius Berger, "Phases of Jewish History." Rabbi Stern, "The Mission of Israel" and "The Theory of Ceremonies in Religion." H. Rosenfeld, Intermediary Hebrew. Special lectures Monday, January 20th., Louis Schwartz, Executive Secretary of the Business Men's Council of Federation, on "Jewish Communal Problems of Montreal."

Movies for the School of Religion will be provided next Sunday, January 12th., between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5., by the Brotherhood Educational Committee, M. H. Rosnick, John Issenman, Arthur Schalek, and Dr. Lyon Bercovitch.

The "Haftorah Club" was organized by Mortimer Levee, president of the Junior Department to assist in Sabbath morning service. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Levee will award a prize to the most faithful member of the School banner for general proficiency was awarded to class 4, Mr. Cyril, teacher. Two assemblies next Sunday morning, Junior Assembly at 11:30 and Senior Assembly in Temple House at 12. Honor roll for the first term: Class 1, Miss M. Neumann, teacher; Jos. Lesser, Henrietta Asch. Class 2, Miss J. Silberman, teacher; Bernard Issenman, Esther Vineberg. Class 3, Miss E. Blumenthal, teacher; Frank Margolick, Phyllis Robinson, Class 4, C. Rill, teacher: Furneaux Van Geun, Shirley Robinson, and Marjorie Bercovitch. Class 5, Miss F. Katz, teacher: Syra Tarshis, Betty Wexler, Melvin Vineberg. Class 6, C. Rosen, teacher; Isabel Blumenthal. Class 7, Chas. Goldstein, teacher; Lloyd Stern, Mortimer Levee. Class 8, L. Marks, teacher: Edmund Gordon, Yetta Miller, Kenneth Van Geun. Class 9, S. Vineberg, teacher: Sylvia Blumenthal, Riva Margolick. Hebrew Honor Roll, Class 3, H. Rosenfeld, teacher; Kalman Faber, Mortimer Gould, Frank Margolick, Malvin Margolick, Maxine Samuels, Sybil Samuels, Hilda Tarshis, Owen Lightstone, Dorothy Asch. Class 4, Marjorie Bercovitch, Howard Bernstein, David Faber, Phyllis Fitch, Emmie Helm, Shirley Robinson, Furneaux Van Geun, Nathan Wolfe. Class 5, Allenby Roston, Syra Tarshis, Melvin Vineberg, Betty Wexler, Bertha Allman.

Shaar Hashomayim, Rabbi Herman Abramowitz, Coté St. Antoine Road, Corner Kensington.

Next Monday evening Rabbi Abramowitz will speak on "Jewish Current Events," including recent developments in the Palestine situation and the local school question. Rabbi Charles Bender will speak on "Sabbatai Zevi—The False Messiah." Miss L. Gordon will conduct the class in Elementary Hebrew. Tuesday and Thursday evenings D. Bloomstone will lead the Men's Bible Class in a discussion on "The Book of Psalms."

Executive Committee of the Young People's Society will sponsor the Young People's Dramatic Group. A committee consisting of Miss Sylvia Cohen, Bert Freedman and Seymour Wener, were appointed to cooperate with Joseph Gordon, dramatic director. All interested communicate with any member of the committee or Mr. Gordon, Westmount 2247. Next monthly meeting Wednesday January 22nd. Details in next week's

The School Paper, "S.H.R.S. Echo," has been resumed under the auspices of the School Council of representatives from classes 5 to 8. Five issues will appear under the editorship of pupils of the school.

In the Chanukah entertainment Miss Celia Ein assisted in the costuming of the characters. Miriam Berlind was a member of the dancing group.

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BNAI JACOB SISTERHOOD

Bnai Jacob Sisterhood met Wednesday, December 18, at Bnai Jacob board room, Fairmount Street. The following officers were chosen by acclamation; president, Mrs. B. Perlmutter; honorary president, Mrs. S. Cooperstone; first vice-president, Mrs. L. Deitcher; second vice-president, Mrs. M. Lefcourt; third vice-president, Mrs. A. Poyaner; recording secretary, Mrs. B. Golt; financial secretary, Mrs. J. Cohen and treasurer, Mrs. L. Bernbaum. A Chanukah party took place Sunday, December 29. Mesdames B. Perlmutter, S. Cooperstone, L. Deitcher, J. Cohen; and A. Raginsky, president of the Bnai Jacob Synagogue, distributed candy to the children who attend Sunday School and arranged a musical programme and moving pictures.

Y.M.H.A. MINSTRELS

Y.M.H.A. is rehearsing in preparation for the minstrel show January 18, 19 and 20. Among the "Y" directors working for the fifth annual show, are Laz. Rubenstein, Sol Kellert, Moe Kirsch, and 'Bosty' Mendelsohn. Stage manager is Joe Rubin. Sydney Morris will direct his orchestra.

Harry 'Bozo' Brown, 'Mire' Pine, Joe Schwartz and Sam Rubin, Sam Miller and Nat Tayis are comedians.

Marriages

Smith-Pervin

The marriage of Annie Pervin, daughter of Mrs. A. Pervin and the late A. Pervin, Laurier Avenue West, to Max Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Smith, was solemnized Wednesday, January 1, at 6.30 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue with Rabbi Herschorn officiating. The bride was given away by her sister, Mrs. S. Golick and her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. Sheydwasser. She wore a white satin gown fashioned on long lines. Her veil of real lace and silk net was held in cap style and caught on either side with knots of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses, cala lilies and sweet peas. Miss Lillian Golick, as maid of honor, wore eggshell satin on very long Princess lines, with large dahlia flower at the back and shoes to match, and also a tight-fitting cap of sequins. She carried Ophelia roses. Jack Pervin, brother of the bride, was best man. The bridesmaids were Misses Sema Pervin, in orchid taffeta; Leah Tackman, coral taffeta with French flowers; Bertha Pervin, green moiré; with touches of pink; Florence Randolph, pink taffeta; Sybil Pervin, orchid satin; and Toba Greenspon, eggshell satin with touches of Flor- and hats to match their gowns and entire purple. They all wore shoes carried bouquets of Columbia roses. The groomsmen were Michael Pervin, Victor Dubrinsky, Bert Harrison, William Gerson, Joe Pervin, and Samuel Pervin. Mrs. Pervin, mother of the bride, wore black transparent velvet gown with felt hat and shoes matching. Mrs. M. Smith, mother of groom, wore black fish net. Mrs. S. Golick, sister of the bride, was in an orchid velvet gown fashioned on very long lines, with dahlia hat and shoes to match. Mrs. Sheydwasser, sister of the groom wore black georgette with shoes and hat to match. Their corsages were of American Beauties. Rosa Golick, was flower girl wearing a pink georgette dress, and carrying a basket of rose petals. Tully Banderoff was page boy and wore a tuxedo. A reception was held for 225 guests. Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith will live at 5179 Esplanade Avenue.

Rother-Rubin

The marriage of Fanny Adele, daughter of Mrs. B. Rubin, to Joe Rother, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Rother, of Laprairie, Que. was solemnized Sunday, January 5, at Beth David Synagogue. Rabbi Herschorn officiated. The bride wore an eggshell satin gown in silhouette style. Her veil of silk net strewn with orange blossoms was arranged with a cap of Venetian lace and clusters of orange blossoms on either side, and she carried a sheaf of roses, calla lilies and lilies of the valley. Miss Lillian Rother, sister of the groom, as maid of honor, wore pale green satin and panne velvet. Her felt hat and crepe slippers matched, and she carried a bouquet of roses and sweet peas. Jack Silverstone was best man. The bridesmaids wre: Misses Ida Rubin, sister of the bride wearing dahlia colored chiffon fashioned on long lines and Sylvia Rosen, cousin of the bride, in blue chiffon. They also wore felt hats and crepe slippers in matching shades and carried bouquets of roses and sweet peas. The ushers were Hyman Rother, Sam Rubin and William Rother. The two flower girls, Ethel Rosen, in maize taffeta and Maitie Katz, in green taffeta, carried baskets of rose petals. Jackie Rosen was page boy. Mrs. Rubin, mother of the bride, wore a gown of black satin with hat and shoes to match and a bouquet of red roses; and Mrs. Rother mother of the groom, was in orchid satin with hat and shoes to match and bouquet of red roses. A reception was held for 150 guests.

LECTURE SERIES

Friday evening, January 10th, the Zionist Order Habonim Lecture Forum will offer a series of lectures at Bnai Jacob Synagogue, Fairmount Ave., West, and at Beth Yehuda Synagogue, Duluth Ave East. Marcus M. Sperber, K.C., will speak at Bnai Jacob in English, on "The Council of the Four Lands." Louis Glazir will continue with his series of short talks on the Ethics of Judaism. On the same evening, at the Beth Jehuda Synagogue, Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik, Executive Director of the Zionist Organization of Canada, will speak in Yiddish, on the "Early History of the Russian and Polish Jews." Bernard Figler will speak on Jewish history, past and present.

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Deaths

The death occurred Thursday morning, January 2, of Mrs. Toba Sigman, age 80, wife of Joseph Sigman, after a lengthy illness. She was a resident of Montreal for the past 28 years. She leaves, besides her husband, three sons, Samuel, Jacob and Hyman, and five daughters, Mrs. P. Moskovitch, Mrs. Ge. Rabinovitch, Mrs. L. K. Caplin, Mrs. R. Schwartz and Mrs. J. Solomon twenty-four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Solomon, 5626 Waverley Street. Interment was at the Austrian Hungarian cemetery, Rev. Katzman officiating.

Mrs. Rebecca Dubinsky, aged seventy-two, died Tuesday morning, December 31, at 2 a.m. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. L. Letovsky, of Montreal; and Mrs. J. E. Levine, of Stamford, Conn.; and three sons, I. Dubinsky, of Montreal; S. Dubinsky, of Toronto; and H. Dubinsky, of Warsaw, Russia. Funeral took place Tuesday at 3.30 p.m. from the home of her daughter, 5584 Hutchison Street.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gradinger, January 5, a daughter.

January 4th, at the Royal Victoria Montreal Maternity Hospital, to the wife of C. Davis Goodman (née Clara Pascal), a daughter.

BOOK NOOK OPENS

The Welfare League "Book Nook," 1107 Cypress Street, opened as a circulating library, January 3, with Miss A. Wolff, librarian, in charge. The library is open daily from 9 to 6.15 p.m. and closed Saturdays. The following helpers will supplement Miss Wolff at the noon hour: Monday, Miss Valerie Sherwin; Tuesday, Miss Gertrude Wener; Wednesday, Miss Sybil Glickman; Thursday, Mrs. Norman Vineberg; Friday, Miss Rose Block, Miss E. Block, at 5 p.m. Among those registered are Mesdames D. Levi, H. W. Freedman, A. B. Illievitz, P. Levy, H. Neumann, L. Levin, S. Vineberg, B. Albert, R. Caplan, M. A. Marshall, G. Shapira, D. Spector, L. Cohen, E. Barkoff, L. Phillips, B. Marks, J. Wener, and Misses G. Samit, T. Leavitt, V. Sherwin, R. Block, R. Friedman, B. Glickman, L. Glickman, R. Cohen, G. Kaplansky, T. Levinson, D. Blumenthal, R. Sloves, G. Vineberg, F. Jacobs, and M. Hyman. Books available at two cents a day are: "Maurizius Case," by Wasserman; "Atmosphere of Love," by Maurois; "Ultima Thule," Richardson; "Ex-Wife," anonymous; "Sketch of a Sinner," Swinnerton; "Sold Out," Sullivan; "Joseph and His Brethren," Freeman; Robert Graves Autobiography.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

The annual installation of the newly-elected officers of the King Edward Benefit Association was held in Morin Hall, 2 Park Avenue, Monday, January 6.

Past-president, Charles Brotman and A. Kohos installed as president, P. Goldfitch; vice-president, A. Greenberg; right supporter, C. Brotman; treasurer, K. Shtull; financial secretary, S. Chaiken; recording secretary, I. Rosen; marshal, J. Minkowsky; inside guard, M. Oberlender; cemetery controller, J. Wisotzky; trustees, D. Jacobson, D. Sirota, J. Abrahamson; board of directors, S. Mosser, I. Osmas, M. Krasnick, L. Closner; relief board, J. Wisotsky, N. Pessen, and Rev. M. Shurin; financial committee, A. Kohos, chairman; H. Smith, Charles Brotman, L. Polsky, L. Berlin, D. Philips, and J. Diamond; chairman entertainment committee, H. Reubins.

On behalf of the association Mr. Kohos presented Mr. Levine with a tea wagon. In accordance with the rules Mr. Levine becomes junior past-president.

AUXILIARY CARD PARTY

Plans are completed for the bridge and mah jongg to be held by the Ladies Auxiliary of the United Talmud Torahs on January 15, at Victoria Hall. Mrs. Moe Segall is in charge of refreshments and Mrs. Shuchat is convenor for the North End Branch. Tickets from the committee under Mrs. A. S. Radovsky, president of the organization, or from Mrs. B. Aaron, treasurer. Additional table-holders are: Mesdames A. Pierce, Arthur Friedman, G. Greenberg, L. Cohen, D. Miller, M. Levine, H. Rother, S. Isaacs, H. Miller, M. Liverman, G. Fischel, Phil Kert, H. L. Sourkes, B. Adilman, E. Kahan, Z. Sloan, G. Walfish, B. Shiller, H. Levy, E. Rubin, H. Titleman, H. Pugliach, M. Ansel, N. Viner, S. Blumer, M. Margolick, L. Lustgarten, Silberman, William Goldstein, I. Rosenberg, A. Goldbloom, H. Wagner, A. Goldwater, R. Goltman, S. Berlin, B. Wigdor, J. Mandelstone, A. Cader, I. Kirschberg, B. Goldberg, S. Milliman, Moe Brown, Warshaw, A. Wiseman, P. Myers, H. Wilanski, M. Bernfeld. Drawing of silver fox fur takes place at the bridge.

Hadassah

Miriam Brainin Ortenberg Chapter met at Beth David Synagogue Monday afternoon, January 6. Mrs. M. B. Goldstein presided. A. J. Livinson spoke on "The Thoughts of Andre Pennel." Mrs. F. Harris thanked the speaker. Mesdames J. Edelberg and M. Myerson were hostesses. Next meeting Monday afternoon, January 13. Election of delegates. Arnold Haltrecht, of Berlin, accompanied by Miss Jeannette Enzer, will play the violin.

Rebecca Berger Chapter met January 6, at Shaar Zion Synagogue Ladies Room with Mrs. M. Dobrofsky, Bishop Street, as hostess. The president, Mrs. L. Stober, was in the chair. For the Zionist Convention, January 19, Mrs. Stober, president, and Mrs. M. Dobrofsky, were elected delegates. January 21, a bridge will be held at the home of H. Diamond, 562 Oxford Avenue. Mesdames H. Diamond and Sperber, hostesses. Tea money $3. The raffle was won by Mrs. Diamond.

Mrs. A. Samniet was at home to the Queen Esther Chapter at her home, 696 Old Orchard Avenue. Delegates for the Zionist Convention: Mesdames M. Cohen, D. Rosenbaum, L. Climan, S. Kalman, M. Garfinkle, M. Leon, I. Miller, J. Garmaise, A. Aronson and S. Jaffe. Mrs. S. Kahn spoke on "Hadassah." Monday, January 13, there will be an at home at the residence of Mrs. J. Rigler, 864 Davaar Avenue. Dr. George Strean will speak on "Women and Her Physique."

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. S. Goldberg, 5193 Esplanade Ave., announce the engagement of their younger daughter Helen, to Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Goldner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Schrieber, 4118 City Hall Avenue, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Rebecca to Hyman Hockenstein, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hockenstein, 4383 Clarke Street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ellison announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilda, to Jack R. Bogante, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bogante.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Silverstone announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther, to Charles A. Goltman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Goltman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hendler announce the engagement of their daughter Nellie, to Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Carin of Waverly Street.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Goldberg, Guy Street, announce the engagement of their son, Michael, to Dora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kaufman, formerly of Montreal, both now of Jersey City.

Bar-Mitzvahs

The bar-mitzvah of Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitch, Northcliffe Avenue, takes place at Temple Emanu-El Saturday morning, January 11.

Y.M.H.A.

Y.M.H.A. water polo house league completed its schedule in the first game between teams called Blacks and Whites the game ended at four-all. Half time interval was taken up with a relay race composed of the teams in the second game. In the second game the Reds won the championship from the Greens by 6 to 4. The results of the relay race which was judged by the times taken for each team gave the Reds another victory with the Black squad second. The Juvenile swim was won by Bleicher with Allan Ferguson second, the time being 20 seconds even. In the Junior race George Shapiro nosed out the first position from Clepper in the smart time of 18 1-5 seconds. A gladstone travelling bag was presented to Coach Morrie Bruker from the house league. Rev. Irving Forsyth was starter.

MELSAB CLUB

The Melsab Club entertained in at a pyjama party and at a bridge and evening Saturday, December 28th, in honor of Miss Zip Schneider, who is leaving for Europe for six to eight weeks on the Berengaria, Saturday, January 4th. The honoree was presented with a ring bearing the "Melsab" script. Miss Sara Schneider entertained for her sister at a bridge and tea.

HAPPINESS

Old man Solomon was rich but stingy. His youthful nephew was his sole relative and was generally looked upon as his future heir. When the nephew announced he was going to be married, a friend of old man Solomon remarked:

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Corporation News

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Shares of Canadian Pacific Railway have dropped to a level of 188, at which the yield is 5.32%. Doubtless, the recession in the shares of over 70 points from the high attained earlier this year is attributable to the decline in traffic, gross and net earnings in the last five months, which will, undoubtedly, be reflected in net. From figures available and allowing for a moderate and allowing for a moderate increase in special income, C.P.R. for 1929 should show between $12 and $13 per share earned on the common stock.

INTERNATIONAL NICKEL

J. L. Agnew, vice-president of International Nickel states that the company's refining units in Great Britain, formerly operated by Mond, are being continued with all six units running to capacity. Some improvements have recently been effected.

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Which in 1928 showed profits of $1.30 per share on the common stock will show about $14. per share earned this year, it is stated authoritatively. The company has subsidiaries making good money and a lot of writing-off can be done before profit and loss is brought down. It is reported that write-offs have been heavy in the past.

The company has not only an important market in the United States served by its subsidiaries, but the Welland plant does a large export business, claimed to represent 50% of its total output.

COCKSHUTT PLOW

Notwithstanding less favorable operating conditions in the domestic market due to the short crop in the West, earnings of Cockshutt Plow Company, Limited, for the fiscal period ended for November 30th, 1929, recorded a healthy improvement over results for the preceding period. The report under review covered a period of only 11 months, but earnings of $2.80 a share from operations compares with $2.68 a share for the 12 months of 1928. The income account indicates a profit from the sale of Adams Wagon Company, amounting to $142,043, and adding this figure to operating earnings, $3.29 a share on the company's stock for the 11 months is shown.

Stock Financing Passed Peak in 1929 — Bonds in Favor

THE tremendous volume of new stock financing during the year just closed has been largely blamed for the severe break which developed in the later months of the year. The trend towards financing by stock issues which had been gathering momentum for some years reached its peak in 1929, when, apart altogether from the host of new flotations, rights on 25 or more issues were offered to shareholders. These offerings involved a total of around 2,750,000 shares with a valuation of close of $150,000,000.

The following table shows a practically complete list of additional stock offerings made during the year:

	Shares	Value
Dominion Textile	45,000	$ 3,375,000
Dominion Bridge	41,043	2,462,580
Canadian Pacific	300,000	51,000,000
Canadian Oil	96,000	3,168,000
Canadian Car	41,700	4,274,250
B. C. Packers	31,619	632,380
Brazilian	775,000	31,000,000
Bell Telephone	120,000	15,000,000
Quebec Power	50,288	2,514,400
Hiram Walker G. & W.	605,000	9,075,000
Hamilton Bridge	11,040	550,000
Fraser	2,000	80,000
Hunts	11,925	357,750
Massey-Harris	243,000	14,580,000
Montreal Tramways	10,000	1,500,000
National Steel Car	30,000	2,100,000
Pressed Metals	9,170	137,550
Waterloo Manufacturing	21,850	437,000
Winnipeg Electric	50,000	3,000,000
Robert Mitchell	20,000	740,000
Consol. Bakeries	28,900	867,000
Dominion Stores	181,500	907,500
	2,725,035	$147,758,410

The closing weeks of 1929 experienced a rather remarkable outpouring of new bond issues, both as to proportions and variety. Provincial governments, municipalities, railroads and private corporations all came into the market for considerable amounts. They were the response to a market improvement that developed in the bond market.

While these issues generally have been well taken, the holiday season has been a factor in diverting the attention of the public. The volume of bonds to be digested at the opening of the new year is moderately large.

Investment bankers appear uniformly of the belief that the opening months of 1930 will be marked of a healthy demand for bonds. A factor in this is the large sum of money that was made available immediately after the turn of the year for reinvestment, from interest and dividend distributions.

CANADIAN CANNERS

The annual report of Canadian Canners, Ltd., when it appears will be favorable from various angles. Because of its policy to carry over inventories, each year to take care of full requirements of the trade, the company will show a gain in profits. It has benefitted and will benefit in 1930 as a result of moderately higher prices prevailing for its canned goods.

The balance sheet will present especially bright features, notably its net current position, which will, your correspondent is informed reliably, show an improvement of over $2,000,000, bringing the total to better than $7,000,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA POWER

The power shortage on the Pacific Coast is definitely at an end and the crisis was passed when an almost

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Mining & Oil

SYLVANITE GOLD

What is believed to be a new vein has been encountered in the new shaft at a depth of nearly 1,250 feet at the Sylvanite Mine. The deposit is said to show a highly commercial grade over minable widths. It is possible that the vein may be found to be a continuation of one of two other known veins but from present indications it may be new. Meantime, the shaft is being continued toward the objective of 1,500 feet. The mill production is said to continue normal.

WRIGHT HARGREAVES

The new vein which was recently cut west of the fault on the 500-foot level of the Wright-Hargreaves is still looking good. The drift along this vein is said to run into very high grade sections at irregular intervals.

LAKE SHORE MINES

The east face of the drift on the 3,200-foot level of the Lake Shore is said to be in high grade ore. Drifting was resumed recently at this horizon. On the 2,000-foot level the drift is now said to show over 1,300 feet of ore, principally high grade.

AMULET GOLD

Amulet has started shaft sinking on their new "F" ore body. It was understood that when sinking started on this deposit, diamond drilling would be discontinued. It is now stated, however, that drilling will be continued for some time, probably until Spring.

CAPITOL SILVER

Stockholders of the Capitol Silver Mines are in receipt of official notices advising them of a special general meeting to be held in Toronto, on January 9, 1930, to consider, and, if thought fit, approve by-law providing for the distribution of the assets of the company. These now consist of 709,002 shares of the Castle-Trethewey Mines. The by-law also provides for the surrendering of the company's charter.

SHERRITT GORDON

Started about a month ago the work of constructing the power line

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Corporation News

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unprecendented rainfall occurred shortly before Christmas, resulting in substantial rising of all the power lakes controlled by the B. C. Power Corporation. There have been heavy rains in the interior also, benefitting the West Kootenay Power & Light Company and other power companies.

WINNIPEG ELECTRIC

Improvement in earnings position continues to be shown by the Winnipeg Electric Company, despite an increase in the operating expenses of some of its services. The latest statement for the month of November follows:—

Gross earnings $572,250; net earnings $203,237; fixed charges and taxes after deducting other income, $89,508, and net income from operation $113,718.

Gross earnings from operations for the month of November show an increase of $30,648 over the month of November, 1928, due to an increase in the gross earnings of the three operating utilities.

STEEL OF CANADA

With business for the year, both domestic and export at a new record peak earnings of Steel, Co. of Canada for 1929 are expected to show a further expansion.

BRITISH EMPIRE STEEL

Possible acquisition of another unit in the iron and steel field in Canada by British Empire Steel Corporation is indicated by reports that the company has made an offer for the purchase of Canadian Tube and Steel Products, Ltd., of Montreal.

ST. LAWRENCE PAPER

The long discussed merger of St. Lawrence Paper, Brompton, and Lake St. John may be consummated soon, it is reported.

Consolidation of these companies has been delayed by difficulties in reaching a mutually satisfactory basis in view of the wide differences in capital structure. It is understood, however, that these have now been largely overcome and that merger proceedings are close to completion.

COSMOS IMPERIAL

The annual statement of Cosmos Imperial Mills for 1929 is expected to show approximately $4.00 per share earned. Furthermore, the financing position of the company will, it is understood, be materially strengthened. The company, evidently, has enjoyed a very successful year.

Mining & Oil

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from the project of linking up the big Sherritt-Gordon mine in northern Manitoba with the Island Falls plant off the Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co. is now progressing rapidly, according to reports reaching here from the north. The work of constructing the line from Island Falls to the latter company's big mine at Flin Flon is now practically complete.

BRITISH DOMINION

An 18-hour test of British Dominion, Turner Valley's largest producer, showed the well to produce naphtha at the rate of about 70 barrels per day, with practically no back pressure. A Government measure of the flow will be made. The test made over the week-end was with 200 pounds back pressure. Company officials are said to be confident that the well will produce over 100 barrels per day of high-grade naphtha.

SOUTH-WEST PETROLEUM

Reports from Turner Valley over the week-end, were that Southwest Petroleum has not yet been cleared through to the bottom of the hole, but that a strong flow of gas threw out some mud. This subsided afterwards so that cleaning could be resumed. The latest official Imperial report showed about 400 feet of hole yet to be cleaned. Some work has been done since this report.

SOUTHERN LOWERY OILS

Solloway, Mills & Co., Limited, have purchased the treasury shares of the Southern Lowery Oils, paying $500,000 to the treasury of the company. Drilling operations are already underway on the property, the first hole being put down just north of the Mercury.

HOME OILS

In announcing the declaration of a fourth dividend of 20 per cent on Home Oil stock, directors of the company say in connection with negotiations for the extension of their holdings in the Alberta field:—

"During the year there have been several conferences held between the directors of this company and the directors of other companies operating in Turner Valley regarding the possibility of the Home Oil Co., Ltd., extending its holdings. A special committee of your directors was appointed to investigate this matter thoroughly and to report their suggestions to the board. This committee has investigated the different properties available and reported to the board of directors that they have nothing to recommend which would be advantageous to the Home Oil Co.

PRESTIGE

Three little girls, one a rabbi's daughter, one a Jewish doctor's daughter, and the third the daughter of a Jewish merchant, were boasting of their respective family connections. They had passed from clothes to personal appearances and finally came to parental dignity.

"Every package that comes for my papa is marked D. D.," proudly announced the rabbi's daughter.

"And every package that comes for my papa is marked M. D.," quickly answered the physician's child.

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REALTY NEWS

J. Goldstein sold to H. Rosenfeld No. 309a, St. Mary's ward, measuring 22½ by 100 feet with buildings, bearing the civic Nos. 1318 to 1320, fronting on St. Catherine street east, for $2,500 and other good considerations.

J. Sklofsky sold to B. Friedman et the south half of lot No. 11-550, St. Michael ward, measuring 25 by 80 feet, with buildings bearing the civic Nos. 5871 to 5875 fronting on St. Urbain street, for $10,000.

D. Kerstenberg sold to L. Stonefelt lot No. 11-1483 St. Michael ward, measuring 25 x 80 feet, with buildings, No. 7049 St. Urbain street, for $2,350.

Kaufmann Construction Co., Ltd., sold to A. Lambert lots Nos. 184-470, 471, north-west part of 184-472 Notre Dame de Grace ward, measuring 11,013 feet with buildings No. 8 Northcliffe avenue, and Sherbrooke street west (apartment houses), for $245,000.

G. Godl sold to J. Solomon lot No. 50-22-2, Notre Dame de Grace ward, with buildings, bearing the civic Nos. 934, 936, fronting on Mountain Sights avenue, for $1,015.

Mrs. H. Levin sold to S. Travitsky lot No. 14-94 Laurier ward, measuring 25 x 100 feet, with buildings, 4661 to 4665 Jeanne Mance street, for $12,000.

Mrs. H. C. Sabloff sold to H. E. Schwishberg lot No. 177-198, Notre Dame de Grace ward, measuring 25 x 90 feet, with buildings 305, 307, Old Orchard avenue, for $11,000.

Mrs. S. Astrovsky sold to H. Lazarovitch northwest part of lot 36-176, part of southeast 177, city of Outremont, measuring 28 by 138 feet, with buildings, bearing the civic No. 383, fronting on Wiseman avenue, for $8,500.

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YOUNG JUDEA

Montreal Young Judea held its annual Chanukah concert and dance Saturday evening, January 4th, in the vestry room of the B'Nai Jacob Synagogue. Over 300 attended. Mr. Abrahamson, the supervisor, presided. A piano solo was given by seven-year old Sarah Frelberg. Joseph Frank, president of Montreal Young Judea spoke.

David Lewis gave readings from Moishe Nadir. Miss Esther Kositsky, sang, accompanied on the piano by Miss Ray Berlin. "Chanukah Gelt" a play in three scenes dramatized from the writings of Sholom Alechim was given under the supervision of David Lewis, dramatic director. Cast: Misses Sonia Shayne, Eva Blumenthal, Leah Blumenthal, and Eva Makarovsky; and Bernard Englestein, Harold Coben, Ben Moscovitch, Moe Steinberg and Issie Eisenstadt. Refreshments. Dancing. The Executive will donate a shield annually to the wnining club and debating team. The Book Campaign is still on. The librarian is H. Halperin.

QUEBEC

Miss Anna Leibovitz, 141 King Street, entertained at a bridge at Kerhalu last Monday afternoon, honoring Miss Pearl Katz, of Montreal. The prize-winners were Mesdames E. Gillman, M. Sporn, M. Greenblatt, M. Rattner, of Toronto, and Miss E. Goodman. The guest of honor was presented with a guest prize.

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Loud Prayers Barred at Wailing Wall

At Jerusalem, January 6, the first practical application occurred of the threats contained in a letter sent by the Society for the Protection of the Mosque of Haksa to Chief Rabbi Kook, more than two months ago. The letter had said, among other things, that Jews would be allowed to pray at the Wailing Wall only in low tones and voices would not be allowed raised. A group of Jewish women came to the wall to pray for the life of a relative dangerously ill. This action was in accordance with centuries of orthodox Jewish tradition, that in the case of serious illness members of the family should proceed to the Wailing Wall for the purpose of praying and entreating the Lord to spare the life of the sick one.

In accordance with the custom a group of women went to the wall and there gave vent to their emotions crying and praying loudly for the life of their relative. While they were so doing, two Arabs approached them, ordering the women to lower their voices and saying Jews were allowed to pray at the wall only in silence. The sorrowful Jewish women, however, did not heed the words of the Arabs but continued crying. The Arabs reported this to the British policeman on duty there who then ordered the women to lower their voices or leave.

This is the first time in history that Jews have been interfered with in the course of prayer on the ground their voices were raised too high. The most significant feature of this incident is the fact that a British policeman endorsed the Arabs' order to lower voices.

Jewish Schools or All Rights, Says Bercovitch

Equality to the extent the law permits as defined by the Privy Council or Jewish separate schools, was what Peter Bercovitch, for St. Louis, Montreal, laid down in speaking at a banquet given to him and his confreres at the Bellevue restaurant Sunday evening, January 5, before his departure to attend the opening of the session of the Quebec Legislature. The banquet was to Mr. Bercovitch, Jos. Cohen, for St. Lawrence, and Anatole Plante, for Mercier. Mr. Bercovitch was given a souvenir. The dinner was presided over by Gerald Tritt, and other speakers were Isidore Friedman, Maurice Hartt, Leonce Plante, K.C., Ald. Louis Rubenstein, J. A. Mercier, M.P., and Jos. Miller.

For Jewish children to be at school with non-Jewish children in a position of inferiority meant instilling in the minds of the non-Jewish children a spirit of anti-Semitism, said Mr. Bercovitch, and he was against the causing of prejudices whether against Jew, Catholic, Protestant, French-Canadian or Englishman.

New Geographical Society for Canadians

The Canadian Geographical Society will be inaugurated in Ottawa at a meeting January 20 with Sir Francis Younghusband, English explorer and past president of the Royal Geographical Society, as chief speaker. The purpose of the Society is to provide a movement for the creation of a truly national sentiment among Canadians. Geographical knowledge of the country will be advanced and information will be disseminated about the country and people in an effort to make Canada known to Canada and the world. A great part of Canada remains unexplored and one of the purposes of the new society will be to promote exploration and curiosity which will lead to exploration. The society membership will not be restricted to mining men and geologists but will be open to all those interested. A magazine to be published under the auspices of the Canadian Geographical Society will be the principal means of reaching the general public. Officers of the Society are: Charles Camsell, president; J. Mackintosh Bell, vice-president; J. B. Tyrell and A. P. Coleman, honorary president and vice-president, respectively. Among the directors are R. C. Wallace and R. W. Brock.

MEMBERS WANTED

The 41st Girl Guide Company celebrated its fifth annual Chanukah party at the Y.W.H.A. Monday evening, December 30. E. S. Belodubrofsky blessed the candles and spoke. The new patrol leaders, Reva Zedovitch and Tobie Shagass, and Alice Cooperman as second were invested. Beatrice Dubrofsky, Grace Lipsey and Francis Solomon were in charge of refreshments. Company meets at the Y.W.H.A. Wednesdays, at 7.30 p.m. New members invited.

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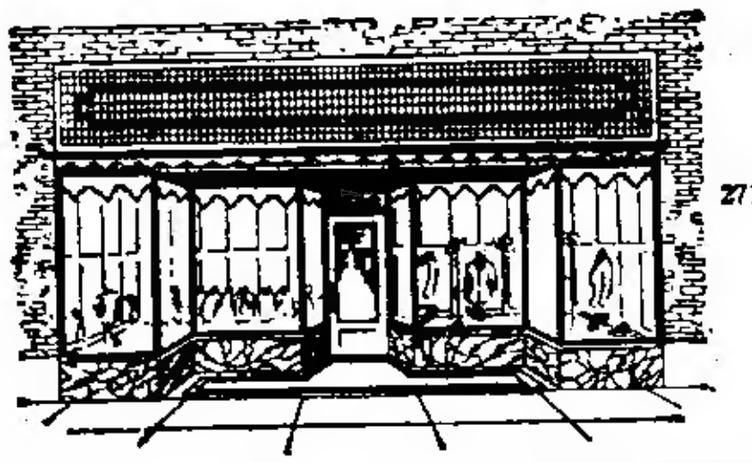

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Konrad Bercovici

By Mack Will Kraike
(Reprinted from the "Jewish Forum.")

Yiddish has long been a maligned anguage, derided as an illegitimate offspring of many languages assimilated by the Jews wandering over the globe, but there is no disputing that language is a common medium for the exchange of houghts; and Yiddish surely serves this purpose. Its place in literature is still unsettled, wavering with he present unsettled position of ewry; it may be superseded by Hebrew as the popular tongue of he Jews. However, my reason for pening this paper with a word on iddish is because whenever I think f Konrad Bercovici, known as the gypsy of literature" in English tters, I immediately remember ow beautifully he speaks it. Not my own good and firm orthodox me have I heard Yiddish spoken ith the evaluation he gives to it. pon reflection, one may be connced that the beauty this Rouanian Jew evokes dripping from iddish is due to his regard for his ce.

Konrad Bercovici is not Jewish the point of bigoted sectarianism; , he is an internationalist, if ere is one. His writings, his ights, his philosophy, his very ions postulate his cosmopolitanism. In the introduction to his most recent book, *Nights Abroad*, he says that he has wandered over the world, not so much driven by an indeterminate force as lured by the desire to settle where he would belong, and that if he has not settled in France or in Greece or in Italy, the fault lies not with him or what is lacking in his blood of French or Greek or Italian, but with the native of that country and what is missing in his blood to make Bercovici his brother. Then here is an evidence of his Jewishness. In spite of his life-long associations with gypsies, and his latency of the gypsy soul, it is the Jew in him taking him on his perpetual travels. For the gypsy goes nowhere in search of a home; his home is the universe, and he lives in all of it by covering its acreage unceasingly while the Jew—his motive for "vagabondia" is the establishment of a permanent home in a land where he can fit in and regulate himself.

Konrad Bercovici tells in his whimsical yet robust manner how it happened that he found himself an artist, subtly accrediting to his father Jacquot Bercovici, his early understanding of art and its modifying vicissitudes:

"My father," he relates "boasted five sons, of whom I was the third, and still am. His pet theory, about art and artists, was that one of the first things an artist had to acquire was the ability to resist all kinds of hardships, of which the chief were hunger, cold and fatigue. This was the test father submitted each of us to. Only that son was allowed to go on with his artistic studies who could, Spartan-like, outlive the test. Two of the five came out victoriously, the other three failed. And so because they failed they became millionaires and because two of us succeeded, we are gloriously in the pauper class. But should my brother or I attempt to make a 'touch' from our millionaire failures, we are questioned: 'How dare you ask for the little we have, you who are so rich, you the victorious ones!' And so, every time a cheque does not come when when it is expected, I wish I hadn't come out so victoriously."

Victory was evidently a two-pointed sword, and the gods drew Konrad Bercovici's blood with the sharp edge to which he was attracted. Just as Moses was drawn to the fire rather than to the gold.

There is, nevertheless, no doubt that he is a success in literature. Money? Wealth? It is hard to say. He lives comfortably, that is obvious. But the success I speak of is not measured by material returns and rewards. Nor is it fame, posisummately an artist; he has always possesses full store. But he is contion, for of such wordly goods he lived, and goes through his daily life at present as a true artist. He is blinded by no "intelligentsia" precepts, but he has definite views of his own work and writes as he wishes without limiting himself upon royalty returns. This quality has been ever true of Jewish artists. The inherent love of freedom and independence, the rebellion against dictatorship and tyranny developed through centuries of oppression thus takes concrete form again.

In one of his 1928 volumes, *Alexander*, he digs deeply into the Jewish influence upon the great conqueror's plans and achievements. Gamaliel ben Sasra, the Jew who was almost a commercial agent for the young king of Pella, strides through the pages of the book and accumulates a great deal of respect from the reader for himself and his co-religionists by his sincere endeavours to carry on for a world of peace and prosperity in the face of the general love of warfare current at the time. The closing paragraph of the book is spoken by ben Sasra to his uncle, Mordecai, when Alexander is dead and his empire obliterated; in it, he predicts that Alexander will live on by the roads he built for his armies, and his life-blood will flow the commerce which will traverse those roads centuries after Alexander is but a legend.

Touring the Old World on one of his numerous quests for adventure, Konrad Bercovici, whose ancestors had wailed before the ancient Wailing Wall so long ago, spent a waking night in Jerusalem for purely sentimental reasons. The vicarious emotions of triumphs and defeats, glories and humiliations his

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COMMENTARIES

By Rabbi HARRY J. STERN, *of Montreal,*
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CAMPING JUDAISM

It is surprising to see the number of Jewish societies that have gone into the "camping business". Hardly an organization that doesn't have as its mission the erecting of a summer camp for the Jewish poor. I believe summer camps could be carried on pretty well under the auspices of one organization, and there ought not to be so much duplication in Jewish communal work.

But this business of camping generally speaking, seems to be quite a fad among Jews today. I shall not be much surprised soon to read of camps being conducted under the auspices of Synagogues. The reason for it all, is to be found in the fact that the Jew is becoming Hellenic. He is seeking the physical, perhaps at the expense of the spiritual. Yesterday the Jew craved for the beauty of holiness; to-day he longs for the holiness of beauty.

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THEY FEAR THE JEW

The Protestant Committee of Public Instruction declared itself opposed to Jewish representation on the Council of Education, for the Province of Quebec. The arguments for opposition seem to be summoned up in the declaration of Rev. Rexford, who is reported to have said: "If one Jewish representative were granted, two would be asked for; if two, the demand would be four and so on, till the committee, after years of progression, might have a non-Protestant, non-Christian majority". This statement by Mr. Rexford, reminds us of the old cry of King Pharoah, who called upon the Egyptians to organize against the Israelites —"lest they multiply". The Egyptians so runs the record, did attempt to shut out the Jew, but with what futility! Pharoah and once-upon-a-time mighty Egypt are dead and ... mumified—but the people of Israel liveth bearing witness to the principles of justice and human rights. Certainly, the Pharoanic utterance of Mr. Rexford is unfitting for a minister of the gospel and a follower of Jesus, who called upon men to love one another. Why fear the Jew? Why not extend the hand of fellowship to the Christ-people to whom Christianity is so much indebted.

And what would be expected from a teacher of religion was in reality set forth by a lay-person. Prof. Carrie Derrick declared that her "Christian and Protestant" ideas favored the admission of Jewish representation. A similar fine pronouncement was made by Mr. Kirk Cameron, who said, "You cannot go on forever taxing people without representation, and I for one, decline to admit my inferiority to any other people refusing them a voice on our representative organizations." . . . Few love the Jew . . . more fear the Jew. And Christianity they teach, is a Religion of love . . . not of fear!

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CONGRATULATIONS MR. PETER BERCOVITCH

Mr. Peter Bercovitch, K.C., M.L.A., St. Lawrence Division deserves the heartiest commendation and congratulation of the entire Jewish community for his very forceful and courageous address delivered last Sunday night regarding the school question in the Province of Quebec. I have no doubt that Mr. Bercovitch with his able lieutenant, Joseph Cohen, K.C., M.L.A., will with dignity defend the rights of the Jew in the forthcoming session of the Legislature. These sons of the prophets need not fear to battle in the cause of truth and human rights. Perhaps some have missed the report of Mr. Bercovitch's address, and I gladly quote some striking paragraphs as reported in the Montreal Gazette:

"I shall claim a right to representation upon the Council of Public Instruction, not because I am a Jew, but because I am a British subject, and as a British subject the Privy Council of this Empire has said to me, 'you, though you are a Jew, have a right to representation upon the Council of Public Instruction of Quebec, and have a right to send your children to the schools of the Province of Quebec', and that is why I am sure that the people of the Province will lend ear to the Privy Council, and will say to us: 'You are entitled to those rights which you seek,' because in the Province of Quebec there is the desire to see that justice is done to every part or portion of the province, and that we have the right to benefit by the decision given by His Majesty's Privy Council.

"That is why I am not afraid, or at all worried by the resolution passed the other day, and if despite the fact that the highest court of the Empire says that we have certain rights, these rights are denied to us, or rather our Protestant friends should refuse to accede to them, then I take the stand that I took some four years ago when I spoke on this same school question. I then said: 'I am opposed to separate schools. I do not want separate schools in this province, but I come from a proud people. I am proud of my race and I have every reason to be proud of my race, and if my Protestant friends—the Protestant population of this province—feel that they no longer want to carry on with us, I will be the first to ask for our own schools, despite the fact that I am opposed to separate schools.'

Mr. Bercovitch said he was amazed at some of the arguments which had been used by those who had voted for the resolution and mentioned those by a learned and venerable gentlemen who had been for many years principal of the High School under whose guidance many Jewish boys had been fortunate to come, and for that reason would not draw conclusions. The argument raised by that gentleman that if two Jews were appointed there might in time be four or six did not appeal to him. It had not appealed to His Majesty and the brightest minds of the Empire who guide the King when they had decided to send Sir Rufus Isaacs, later Earl Reading, to Washington, as special ambassador, nor when they had sent him to India as Viceroy. They had no fear that he would seek to be King of Britain, nor that one ambassadorship would lead to many or one viceroyalty to many more, but had apparently selected the best man available.

"Yet, added Mr. Bercovitch, "the most famous soldier this country has produced, and probably one of the most learned and venerable gentlemen we have in the province, says that we must not allow Jews to have their rights, because two Jews on the council might mean four or six or eight Jews later on."

Mr. Bercovitch said he did not fear the trouble from without, but the trouble from within, and hoped there would in future be no discussions on the issue as far as the Jews were concerned, but that there would be a united front shown."

I trust Mr. Bercovitch's appeal for a united Jewish front will not go unheeded. I know of no time in the history of the Jewish community when there was need of unity than at the present hour.

OTTAWA

Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldberg, of New York, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brahinsky, Seymore Apts.

Misses Bertha Rubenstein, Lena Eisenstadt and Joe Eisenstadt, of Montreal; are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ritt.

Mrs. M. Doctor entertained at the tea hour for Miss Bertha Rubenstein, who is visiting Mrs. S. J. Ritt.

Pauline Bilsky Chapter of Hadassah held a Chanukah tea and grocery fair in the very rooms of King Edward Synagogue Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. S. Morris and Mrs. L. Herskovitz were hostesses for the tea and Mrs. A. Ash was the convener for the fair. Rev. Goldsmith, of King Edward Synagogue, blessed and lighted the Chanukah candles. Hostesses were assisted by Misses Sarah Kronick, Ray Mendelssohn, Molly Tuckman, Beck Morris, Beck Herscovitz and Miss Gurland. Abraham Morris assisted at the fair. The door prize was won by Mrs. A. Snipper. Guests were Mrs. H. Krehm, of Toronto; and Miss Ray Mendelsohn, of Montreal. A tea and bridge will be held at the home of Mrs. Max Lithwick, 49 Argyle, next Tuesday afternoon.

Monday evening, December 30, the weekly meeting of the Mollie Sachs Junior Chapter of Hadassah was held at the tome of Miss Gertrude Salminoff, 57 Gilmour Street. A report on the baby home was read by the secretary. Miss Rae Salminoff was appointed delegate for the Hadassah convention in Montreal. Miss Dorothy Levin played the piano.

The students of the Ottawa Talmud Torah held a Chanukah celebration Sunday morning in the school hall with their parents and the board of the institution as their guests N. Drazin, chairman of the education committee, presided, Isaac Greenberg illuminated the Chanukah candles, Rachel Greenberg and J. Loeb gave a description of the heroism of Judas Maccabeus and explained the origin of Chanukah. S. Lithwick, Ruma Edelson and C. Barret recited. M. Krantzberg, a teacher of the Talmud Torah spoke. Jacob Pleet was given a fountain pen and pencil from Mr. Drazin for his work in the recent examination. Others who received prizes were David Monson, Albert Rivers, Ralph Taller and Morris Krantzberg. Miss E. Gershovitch's class sang. Sarah Pearlman, Rachel Greenberg, Gertie Sinder and T. Weltman sang. The treasurer of the Talmud Torah, David Epstein, presented the teachers, E. Slonemsky, B. Lifshitz, M. Goldsmith, Miss E. Gershovitch and M. Krantzberg with gifts. The Junior Auxiliary of the Talmud Torah presented each child with a box of candy.

Mrs. S. Slone and Mrs. J. Baker were hostesses at a tea given for Lena Florence Chapter of Hadassah in the vestry rooms of the Rideau Street Synagogue. Delegates appointed to the Zionist convention in Montreal are Mesdames L. Baker, L. Slone, N. Slone and A. H. Coplan. The speaker was Mme. Battya Beth-Eline, Hebrew dramatist. The table was centred with a basket of flowers and was presided over by Mrs. Max Cohen and Mrs. L. Baker. Assistants were Mesdames S. Slone, E. Shalon, M. Baylin, M. Wolfe, J. Golden, Applebaum, A. Plett, J. Lirventz, C. Greenberg, Miss Ida Cohen. The door prize was won by Mrs. Leiff and the money donations were in charge of Mrs. S. J. Ritt. Next tea in the vestry room of Rideau Street Synagogue with Mrs. A. H. Coplan as hostess.

Mme. Battya Beth-Eline was the guest of honor at an informal tea given by Mrs. M. B. Margosches. A recital was given by her at the Talmud Torah Hall Thursday evening, January 2nd. Mrs. Margosches sang. Kenneth R. Meek was the accompanist. A. Endleman presided.

A Chanukah card party and dance was held over the week-end in the Talmud Torah hall under the auspices of the two lodges, Ottawa Lodge No. 885, and the Women's Auxiliary Lodge No. 62. The party was for the benefit of Jewish orphans of Ottawa, who were in residence at Montefiore Orphanage, Montreal. Mrs. M. B. Margoshes was general convener. The tickets were received by Mrs. Margoshes and Mrs. Harry Rosenes and the bridge was convened by Mrs. S. Cooper assisted by Mrs. Lionel Mortimer. Rabbi N. Kollin performed the ceremony of blessing and lighting the Chanukah candles. The orchestra under the direction of E. Edelstein, played "Rock of Ages," the assembly singing. Refreshments were served from a table which was centred with a seven branch silver candelabra with tall yellow tapers and silver baskets filled with yellow 'mums. Mrs. M. H. Levey convened the supper, assisted by Mesdames B. Edelson, M. Shenkman, Walter Davis, A. Kahan, and Louis Progash and Misses Rose and Anna Brahinsky. Walter Davis was in charge of the check room. Those who assisted the lady members were M. H. Levey, president of Ottawa Lodge; and Harry Rosenes.

Sunday morning the children of King Edward Ave. Synagogue were the guests of the Sisterhood of Adath Jeshurun Congregation at a Chanukah celebration. The children presented a playlet under the direction of Miss Miriam Caplan and the ladies' organization gave each child a box of candy. The ceremony of lighting the Chanukah candles was performed by Harry Goldman. Helen Zivian recited. The girls participating in the candle drill were Fay Zivian, Vivian Edelson, Queenie Feller, Rita Marcus, Blanche Wolfe, Joan Harris, Sylvia Abelson and Rachel Brodie. Mrs. A. Slone, president of the Sisterhood, represented that organization, Misses G. Lipman, C. Held, Sarah Abelson; and Sam Caplan and W. Braverman represented the Young People's League of the congregation. Jess Abelson, B. Pearl, and W. Shenkman were delegates from the men's club of the synagogue. Costumes for those taking part in the program were made by Mrs. Annie Cohen and Ernie Edelstein accompanied at the piano. Rabbi Nathan Kollin explained the origin of Chanukah. In the afternoon the children were taken on a sleigh drive around the city. On their return to Adath Jeshurun Institute they were served supper. The drive was supervised by Jess Abelson and Sam Caplan.

CANADIANS IN LOS ANGELES

In compliment to Miss Lillie Silver, bride-elect of Wm. Franklin, a luncheon and shower was given recently by her sister, Mrs. S. Tauner. The tables were decorated. About thirty-five guests participated. A surprise was the unexpected arrival of Mrs. S. Grossberg of Toronto, sister of the bride. Bridge was played.

QUEBEC

Quebec Chapter of Hadassah met at the home of Mrs. B. Bain, 136½ St. Ann Street, Wednesday, December 18. In the absence of the president, Mrs. E. Gillman, Miss Sybil Lax, presided. Mrs. S Gerner sang and Ernest Miller played the violin. Tea money, $3.

A special meeting of Quebec Juniors was held at the home of Mrs. A. Leibovitz, King Street, Monday, December 23. Mrs. Gillman presided. Delegates to the Zionist convention are Mrs. M. A. Greenblatt and Misses Rose Lax and Sadie Ein.

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"Sometimes when people censure me,
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That for what it cost me to be free,
I might have had an anchor."

For the major portion of something like twenty-five years political leaders among the Jews of the Province of Quebec have struck postures and made gestures with regard to the School Question. There is a fault in the rocky structure of the St. Lawrence Valley and there have been earthquakes in these diggings but the School Question remains permanent, fixed, a figurative Gibraltar. Jewish babies have grown up and gone to school and been married and sent their own children to school with little Protestants and under the chilling blight of anti-Semitism described by political leaders. Still, this very week the newspapers print another expression from the soul of Peter Bercovitch on the subject just as though the Jews of the province had been newly discovered in sack-cloth and ashes over the School Question.

How many times has it been by now that some Jewish gentleman or other has stuck out his jaw at the Protestants and threatened to quit them cold? Well, no matter, no matter. They all don't do it with effulgence. Some have done it with barks, bites, storm, stress and even an attempted urbanity. But Mr Bercovitch challenges the Protestant sect and its school system with all the glamour of a bridegroom emerging from his chamber. Imagine, after all these years of assorted glares at Protestants, he is still able to produce one which resembles the real thing. Even in cold print (than which nothing is colder applied to language that demands the varying tremors and diapasons of oratory to set it off) the words of Mr. Bercovitch stand out as a perfect example of what a swagger political address has always been and should remain to the end.

Aside from the content, aside from all debate on the School Question, even supposing the address was meant to be a dissertation on "The Englishman's Home Is His Castle," and got into the wrong column by mistake, that speech should be clipped for little Mortimer's scrap book and kept until he too, is a lawyer making speeches on the School Question. Characteristic of Mr. Bercovitch's best oratory is its absence from sly insinuation. Knock 'em dead or say nothing is his method. When he is through the Protestants must be limp as a rag and in tears of shame. Some Jewish politicians have been accused of coming hat in hand, begging, or cringing, or backing away at the first cross Protestant look, but not Mr. Bercovitch. The Protestants don't want the Jews? All right, then. The Jews will dissolve partnership. They will get out. Mr. Bercovitch and his able lieutenant Joseph Cohen, and his other good friends and the proud, Jewish people of the grand, old, province of Quebec will establish their own schools. The Jews have got to be removed from this position of inferiority in which it is being sought to place them. They will not attempt to proceed one step further with Protestants who say they do not want Jews proceeding one step further with them. Mr. Bercovitch is too proud for any thing like that. He is too proud, his able lieutenant, Joseph Cohen, is too proud, and the entire Jewish race, a proud people to begin with, is too proud. It hurts them to be where they are not wanted. It's too terrible.

A sturdy stand like this is what makes a public figure as public as Mr. Bercovitch. There is no meal in his mouth. Is he down-hearted? No, nor dismayed nor terrified nor worried by newspaper reports of the recent meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction and the vote it took as another grimace at the Jews. Mr. Bercovitch is as cloudless as a May morning. That is because he can pin his faith on proverbs, even more deftly than most politicians. Remember that Latin one about justice prevailing though the heavens fall? Well, get behind Mr. Bercovitch. That's the one he likes. Has the British Empire decayed? No, certainly not, so doesn't that show? That justice prevails even in Quebec? And don't forget old Disraeli and Lord Reading, meantime.

But it isn't all a pattern of effulgence. May morning and a study stand. There are in addition some ringing phrases. If there were not so many ringing phrases in the world already, here are a couple that could and should resound down in history for posterity to blink at in awe:

"I shall claim a right to representation upon the Council of Public Instruction, not because I am a Jew, but because I am a British subject, and as a British subject the Privy Council of this Empire has said to me, 'You, though you are a Jew, have a right to representation upon the Council of Public Instruction of Quebec, and have a right to send your children to the schools of the province of Quebec,' and that is why I am sure that the people of the province will lend ear to the Privy Council and will say to us: 'You are entitled to those rights which you seek,' because in the province of Quebec there is the desire to see that justice is done to every part or portion of the province, and that we have the right to benefit by the decision given by His Majesty's Privy Council."

After that Mr. Bercovitch, with becoming modesty, said that he believed he was merely the mouthpiece of the Jewish population of the province. But what sinister premonition stirred in his bones when he expressed the hope that there would be no trouble within Jewish ranks, no dissension on the school issue as far as the Jews were concerned, only a united front? The Jews may be proud but they are far more interesting than that. They are always enjoying trouble, thank God; they are never without dissension and they have no earthly use for a united front. And if they ever get rude one of these proud people may rebuke Mr. Bercovitch with the reminder that they don't want a mouthpiece, anyway.

J.C.

"The Awakening"

By John Sorsky

Maurice sat benumbed. Some indescribable cold wind seemed to pass before him. The tiny tea-room seemed to whirl rapidly; only he, too, whirled with it. Just now, at this particular moment, those sinister suspicions which had lurked in his mind for such a considerable time were confirmed—confirmed beyond all controversy. For the first time in his life he began to see himself in an entirely new light; it was like the appearance of some apparition. His heart beat with newly-found truth. His pulse throbbed in some unusual rhythmic manner.

He laughed. His laughter struck some inharmonious chord in his ears. It sounded so unusual and not at all like his own. It was full of irony and contained ingredients which he himself did not understand.

"You are right, my friend," he remarked to his companion; "you have just turned darkness into light for me."

His companion stared at him, not unkindly. Maurice's laughter had stirred him.

"You are not offended?" he asked, sincerely.

"Why should I be?" Maurice replied. "On the contrary, you have led me to the path of truth and realization. I am deeply indebted to you."

That evening Maurice sat alone with his thoughts. He recalled the affair in the little tea-room time after time. No incident evaded him; he revisualised it all with intensity and deep feeling. He had met his companion by appointment. They entered the tea-room and after a while their conversation had drifted. True, they were of different religions and modes of living. But of what consequence was that? That aspect had never held any significance for Maurice. But now it was different. He did not condemn or despise his companion for what he had said; he had been quite fair and sincere in his version. But, nevertheless, his remark had brought home a poignant reality to him. He began to realise that he had omitted an extremely important factor in his life; he also began to realize that he was, perhaps, one of the many who did likewise without giving the matter a second thought.

He rose from his chair, filled and lit his pipe, and approached the window of his bedroom. The panorama which confronted him was not an inspiring one. A row of dreary tenement houses, such as the one which he himself lived in, with glimmering lights protruding into the darkness of the night. From somewhere in the distance came the strains of a gramophone; it was some Cantor singing a Jewish prayer. It seemed to clutch at Maurice's very heart; for some unaccountable reason he felt his eyes grow moist.

What nonsense! He was acting like an old woman! Sentimentality!

He began pacing the room, but the strains of that prayer were not to be obliterated from his ears. What was its significance? Why did he feel some inner call in the mournfulness of that melody?

The atmosphere in the room was becoming too tense. He felt some indescribable heat overtaking him. He rushed to the window and opened it, but closed it immediately. The effect of that dreary melody from the tenement was too great for him. It seemed to stir some much deeper and more latent force hidden in one of the inner portals of his soul. It seemed to sound again some new chord. And all because of that silly, unobtrusive remark in the tea-room.

The gramophone had ceased to function. The melody had ended. A moment of relief.

But Maurice's mind was still in a state of chaos. What was the meaning of this sudden reaction? Why did he see himself from an entirely new aspect? It was his companion's remark. There was no use denying it. It had bared his soul—like an artist the soul of man on canvas. In a sudden flash a new reality had been brought home to him. It was like the dawn that follows the darkness of night, pure, clear, exhilarating dawn.

Time after time he kept on recalling the incident in the tea-room. They had discussed various topics, when suddenly, for some unaccountabl reason, they found themselves in deep discussion on the subject of race equality. And then a thunderbolt had struck him.

"You see, you are in an entirely different position," his friend remarked.

"But why?" Maurice asked.

"Because you are a Jew," was the rejoinder.

He was a Jew. Yes, there was no denying it.

The gramophone in the tenement house again began to function. It was another of those Jewish melodies.

Why were these Jewish melodies so solemn and dreary? Why were they so unlike others? Funny. He had never thought of that before. Life

had led him on at too fast a pace to enable him to give the matter his thought.

He again began to pace the room. The distant music seemed to intensify his emotions and fled them with renewed vigour.

He was a Jew. Yes, a Jew . . . . Well, what of it? Wasn't a Jew a human being? Had he not a heart which beat like other hearts? What did his friend mean to infer when he said he was different because he was a Jew?

How long that gramophone continued to play! Why did people make use of things at the wrong time? Why couldn't he get that melody out of his mind? Why did it draw him in such an unusual way? . . . What was that he had just been thinking of? Oh, yes. He was a Jew. Funny! He had never thought seriously about it.

He caught sight of himself in the mirror. The pallor of his face surprised him. How different he looked tonight. Never before had he realized what big dark eyes he had. And black hair, too. And then he began to laugh! What a funny shaped nose he had! Long—extremely long—a typical Jew's nose! Why hadn't he seen it before? Funny! Very funny!

There was no sleep for Maurice that night. He merely lay awake and listened to those Jewish melodies, which were put on one after another. At intervals the distant church clock would strike the hour. How long they seemed one from the other . . .

He was a Jew. Its inner significance began to make itself more apparent to him. He recalled the home life—the Jew's mode of living, which is so different from other modes of living. He remembered how once, when he had been away in a strange and distant town, he had missed the Sabbath candles, the gefilta fish, the Kiddush, and the grace after meals. It had all been a matter of course to him at home, but now he began to realise its intrinsic values—the deep underlying beauty of it all. And when he was thirteen—Bar Mitzvah—he had read the portion of the Law and the Haphtorah. He was taught to bind the Tephillin round his left arm and forehead, and told that he was a fully-fledged member of his race. Yes, those were his heritages—the heirlooms handed down to him by his forefathers.

He was a Jew! By God, he was! Why was the dawn so long in coming? Even the old gramophone had ceased to play. And yet he couldn't sleep. It seemed impossible. He crawled out of bed, struck a match, and lit the gaslight. Once again he beheld himself in the mirror. His hair was dishevelled and there was a wild look in his eyes. The silence of the night seemed to complete the background.

And there they both stood—the Maurice of reality confronting the Maurice in the mirror. Both staring at each other, both taking note of one another. After a while the former spoke:

"You are the Maurice of yesterday. The Maurice of to-day stands before me. With the coming of the dawn you will be reborn; nay, recalled to life and to his inner significance. I defy you! I hate and despise you! How long have you enshrouded me in your folds. Too long have you clasped me in your external trappings! But now I am released from those shackles which bound me to you! I have gathered my strength and in one mighty effort I have defeated you! I neither fear nor tremble before you! I stand staunch and secure! For with the morrow you will have disappeared like the dew of dawn, and I—only I—will remain! You are no longer part of myself! You are like the withered petals of a flower which have long lost their fragrance!

He found himself at the window. The tenements were silent. The dawn was beginning to creep in, embracing the roof-tops like a bridegroom his bride. The silence seemed to console him. It was like a stimulant to the invalid, like water to the man in the desert. He stands quite still. He leans against the wall and looks up to the sky above.

"I am a Jew," he murmurs, "I am a Jew!"—Jewish World.

Sherbrooke, Que.

Mrs. Samuel Echenberg, Victoria Ave., was hostess at a dinner given on Sunday in honour of Misses Rose and Eva Fackteroff, and Alrick Fackteroff, of Boston. Covers were laid for 12 couples.

Mrs. S. Ross Vineberg, of Westmount, spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Echenberg, Belvedere St.

Miss Helena Cohen spent a few days in Quebec with Miss Rose Lax.

Miss Bessie Weinstein, Brooks St., was hostess at a sleigh drive for 12 couples in honor of her guests, the Misses Fackteroff, of Boston.

Leon Schecter spent a few days in Montreal on business.

A Chanukah dinner dance was given by the Young People of Congregation Agudath Achim on New Year's Eve at the Community Center. Covers were laid for 20 couples. Rev. and Mrs. A. Mittleman, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bergman, of Windsor Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Weinstein, of Thetford Mines; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Berastein, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Niloff, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schecter, Mr. and Mrs. David Echenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pollock, Mrs. Polonoff, the Misses Annie Black, Bessie Weinstein, Reva Echenberg, Bessie Schmokler, of Thetford Mines, Misses Rose and Eva Fackteroff, of Boston; Miss Helen Cohen, and Samuel Weinstein, Issie Echenberg, Max Echenberg, Leon Echenberg, Maurice Echenberg and Alrick Fackteroff, of Boston, and Charles Ivony, M. Smith.

Miss Florence Dennenberg, of Montreal, is with her sisters, Mrs. S. P. Smith and Mrs. A. Mittleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Weinstein, of Thetford Mines, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwartz, Montcalm St.

Miss Bessie Schmokler, of Thetford Mines, spent the week-end with Mrs. S. P. Smith, King St. W.

Miss Annie Black, Beckett Rd., who spent a few days in Montreal visiting friends and relatives, has returned home.

Miss Helen Cohen, Gillisple St., has returned to Montreal to McGill University.

Max Echenberg of Queen's University, has returned to Kingston to resume his studies after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Echenberg, Magog St.

Mrs. R. Polinoff, of Montreal, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis Echenberg.

Maurice Green, of Coaticooke, spent a day here on business.

Samuel Mosel, of Montreal, spent the week-end here.

Ira Sessenwein, of Montreal, spent a few days here.

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This reduction is possible; it is within our grasp; it does not await any new discovery; it can be secured by the use of the knowledge we now possess regarding the means of combatting and conquering this menace.

Whether or not cancer is to be properly treated depends much more upon the public than it does upon the medical profession. By this statement, we simply mean that the degree of success in the treatment of cancer depends upon its discovery in its earliest stages. The doctor stands ready to treat, but it is not possible for him to do for his patient what he could do in the early stages of the disease were the cause known to him then.

Unfortunately, in the minds of many people there is fixed an idea that cancer is a hopeless condition, and that it is useless to run to the doctor about it. They have some reason for this idea because they have seen relatives and friends treated without success. In most cases, however, the reason why these treatments were not successful was because the patients had failed to consult their doctor until the disease was far advanced.

There is no reason why, at the present time, we should not view the cancer problem in a hopeful way. Every person in Canada should know that, where cancer is properly treated in its earliest stages, a very high percentage of cases are actually cured. Surely, such a statement should banish the hopeless "do nothing" attitude and replace it by a confident "early action" frame of mind.

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

PRESCRIPTION

Dr. Jacobs asked his patient, Toby, "What seems to be the trouble?"

"I am very nervous and can't sleep nights," was Toby's reply.

"Well," said the doctor, "cut out all your pinochle games, smoke only two cigars a day from now on, and come back to see me Friday."

"But, doctor, I—"

"Now, never mind arguing," answered Dr. Jacobs, pushing his patient out the door, "I'm a very busy man. See you Friday."

On Friday Toby turned up, looking very sick.

"What's the matetr?" asked the doctor, "Feeling bad?"

"Oh, terrible," groaned Toby, "it was those two cigars a day; you see, I never smoked before in my life."

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The Rabbi Jehoshua of Nazareth even as the late and clouded and confused legend portrays him, had cast out fear. The Law that was the stay of Israel's integrity was to be kept. But to at least an equality with it were to be raised those written and oral precepts, reshaped with the force and poignancy of genius, by which Israel had already from age to age denied hate and force and exalted love and humility and peace. And those precepts were to be deepened and men's actions were to square with them to the uttermost—to complete nonresistance, to faultless charity and loving-kindness. Caesar was to be given what he demanded, even as the robber on the highway was to be given not only one's cloak, but one's coat. The other cheek was to be turned and the spirit of man to triumph in naked majesty. . . .

Judas heard and believed. But a little pulse of fear kept on beating in his unpurged soul. He saw himself at moments not majestic in the refusal to use force, but craven. He saw himself in the old evil savage sense in the dust. Out of that fear and false humiliation flamed the compensatory vision of a Messiah of the conquering sword. Then this Rabbi could not be He, but rather one to weaken the arm and make soft the marrow of an oppressed people. And in a frenzy of fear Judas brought the torches and spears to the gate of the garden of Gethsemane. . . But the frenzy and the compensatory vision passed and Judas, a Jew, knowing that he had sinned the unforgivable sin of using force and denying peace, cast from him the thirty pieces of silver and hanged himself. . . . .

II

The terror and the shame of the last episodes of his life in Europe had burned themselves deeply into Jacob Levy's soul. He identified this terror and this shame with Europe; he identified the prudence and the circumspection that arose from that terror and that shame with America. He always insisted in later years that his luck had changed the moment that he set his foot on the soil of the United States. He attributed none of it to the moral shock that contributed to a rather sudden maturing of his character. In spite of such considerations which he would have brushed aside as foolish subtleties, it cannot be said that he was far in the wrong in that favorite discourse of his that he held in early years to newcomers from the old country and in later years to his family circle. In the old country, in Insterburg, say, you had no elbow room. You were So-and-So, the son of So-and-so. What could you do? It was like prison. Oh, there were ways up and out of your original condition. But each way was a prescribed way with special laws and rules and tests and specifications. First you had to pass an examination to avoid three years of military service. One year you had to serve, even then. It was always a matter of examinations. As for business—it didn't seem to him that there was any such thing. His father, an honest man and an able man, if ever there was one, had slaved the whole of his life for a mere living and a few hundred *thaler* to give to each of his children. More he hadn't been able to give to any. He had died a poor man. In America—at this point Jacob Levy would always lift an instructive finger—it was all different. In later years the younger members of the circle would grin a little and Jacob's finger would become sterner in its gesture and his face slightly red. In his time, at least, it had been true. If a man was honest and decent in America it didn't matter what he did. He was respected. And more important even, a man could try one thing and then another and see what he was fit for. He didn't have to become an apprentice for three years. He was no one's slave. Look at his own history. He had landed in '79 with three hundred dollars. He hadn't known a word of English. So he had had to stop the first few days in an immigrants' boarding-house, full of low people and terribly dirty. But it had been for a few days only. He had wandered eastward across town on Fourteenth Street and on a newsstand had found papers printed in German. He had bought one and had walked over to Union Square and sat down on a bench to read it. He could remember that day, he used to say, like today. The heat of the waning American summer was great. Never had he felt such heat. Yet from the whole scene, from the busy people and the many carriages and wagons, there had come to him a feeling of abundant life. There were some terribly ragged poor creatures loitering on the square. Men with paper-white faces except for the bluish-red veins and pimples on their noses. One he remembered especially across all these years—a thin dwarfish man who had on ragged clothes that must once have been a giant's. He would shrug his shoulders in a sickly way and pull up his long tattered sleeves to pick up a cigar stump. And yet, Jacob Levy used to say, although he had never seen such poverty in his part of the old country, either, these loafers and beggars and drunkards didn't depress him. They didn't somehow seem to him a part of this American life into which he was going. . . . Well, he had opened his copy of the *New Yorker Herold* and looked at the employment columns. He thought he had better find work and save his little capital. But even as he was sitting there and wondering whether he could drive any of these many strange trades that were spoken of in the paper, an old gentleman had come and sat down next to him and had asked him in the quaintest anglicized German he had ever heard whether he was a "greener" and how he liked America. The old gentleman had rocked his fat head from side to side in a happy self-satisfied sort of way. Forty years, he had told Jacob Levy, he had already been in America and it was the greatest country on earth. Oh, it was good enough for him. He had come over in the steerage of a sailing-vessel. What did this generation know of hardships! When he left the boat he had had two dollars and a quarter. You have to work in America. That was right. But if you do—! And the old gentleman had looked fondly at his enormous diamond ring and his enormously thick watch-chain. "And that," Mr. Levy used to say with a smile, turning to his children—"that was old Sol Friedenfeld, the grandfather of the girls." And Arthur and Hazel Levy would giggle when they thought of Ethel and Genevieve Freefield and the house on East Sixty-fourth Street with its formidable footmen, and there was the tiniest bit of malice in their giggle because they really envied the Freefield girls. Not at all on account of the Freefield millions. That would have been vulgar and the Levys were far from poor. But there was the name—Freefield. Hazel could have prayed for such a name. Why, with it you could be taken for 'most anything you liked. And the girls' father, J. Mortimer Freefield, was American born and a Princeton graduate and didn't, like her daddy, who was, of course, the dearest old thing in the world in every other way, say: "Ent det vass de grentfather off de girlss." . . .

Old Friedenfeld had been in his later sixties that summer of '79 when he had entered into a conversation with Jacob Levy on a park bench in Union Square. He was a rich man, though he would have been amazed had he lived to see what his son would make of the original three hundred thousand dollars that it had taken him over forty years to amass. He was a man of the simplest kindness and good will, and the great pleasure of his later years was to pick up young immigrants—"greeners"—especially such as were of decent families and came from somewhere near his old home, and help these young fellows to get on their feet in the new country. He himself had originally come from Bromberg, and West and East Prussia were not so far away from each other. So he warmed to this young man who, moreover, was neatly dressed and spoke very good German, and also confided to him that he had a little capital. "That's fine," the old man had said. "You must get work where you can learn English. You come to my office tomorrow. Maybe I can do something for you. Maybe." Benevolently he had wagged his head and had left Jacob with the impression that there was something in America that opened the hearts of men.

III

The small department store of Friedenfeld & Cohn on lower Sixth Avenue was almost obliterated to the casual eye by the enormous establishments that towered on every side above it. It occupied only two floors of a narrow squeezed in building on the west side of the avenue. But it drove an enormous trade with the poorer Irish of the lower west side, who were shy of entering the more imposing and glittering establishments near at hand. Then poor Italians flooded those streets, and they too came for their underwear and children's clothes and overalls and cheap furniture to Friedenfeld & Cohn's. Furniture was one of the specialties of the house. The whole upper floor was given over to this department. A few parlor sets mouldered there from year to year. The stock that went out and was renewed consisted of bedroom sets, cheap oakwood with imitation marble tops, unpainted kitchen tables, chairs and cabinets, and small rugs of shoddy. The place was so crowded with this merchandise that it was hard for the salesmen to guide a customer through the narrow alleys of its labyrinth. It was dark. It was almost suffocating with its musty odor of wood, varnish, turpentine, oil-cloth and cheap, fusty carpet. Yet it seemed not only important, but a citadel and a refuge to Jacob Levy, when, by the favor of the head of the house, he was appointed duster, sweeper, and day caretaker of the furniture department at a salary of eight dollars a week.

Jacob Levy was no self-analyst. He used to say in later years that he was young when he came to America and forgot the old country and its life very quickly. It was, in truth, not an ordinary process of forgetting. His mind expelled with relief the fear and shame from which he had suffered in Europe; it was with the greatest difficulty that he brought himself to write occasionally to his parents. And that was not because he had neither affection nor dutifulness. It was because both glowed in his heart and life had somehow forced him to outrage both. Hence he fled from his frustrate emotions and his old fears.

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TORONTO SOCIAL

Mrs. Eugene Zacharias, of Atlanta, Ga., is spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Leo Frankel, Jarvis Street.

Mrs. M. J. Singer and daughter, Zelma, Kendal Avenue, have returned from Detroit where they attended the Sigma Alpha Mu Convention.

Miss Naomi Hansher, Wells Hill, is spending two weeks in Montreal, the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. M. Hansher.

Miss Anna Smith, St. George Street, visited for the past three weeks in Montreal, the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Rapp.

Mrs. David H. Forman, of Detroit, who has been visiting Mrs. A. Levin, Lyndhurst Avenue, for the past two weeks, has gone back.

Mrs. Fred Oberndorffer, Palmerston Boulevard, entertained at dinner honoring Mrs. J. Perkins, of New York. Covers were laid for 12 guests.

Mrs. Alfred King and daughter, Frances, Avenue Road, returned from New York where they spent the mid-year holidays.

Mrs. I. Abrams, Indian Road, entertained at the tea hour Saturday at the Royal York Hotel, as a courtesy to Miss Rose Goodman, bride-elect.

Mrs. I. B. Jacobs of Chicago, is with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Frankel, Douglas Drive.

Misses Edna Frankel, Wellesley Street, and Dorothy Sider, have returned from Chicago where they spent the mid-year holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Silverstein, Standish Avenue, entertained at their home on New Year's Eve at a formal dinner and dance honoring their brother, Irving Silverstein, who recently returned from the Continent. Covers were laid for 50 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Papernick and baby, Spadina Road are leaving for Miami, Fla., Saturday, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. A. Simonsky, Brunswick Avenue, left Monday night for California to remain until early spring

Mrs. M. Barrett, Hudson Drive, entertained 24 children in honour of her daughter Cynthia's eighth birthday.

Mrs. Jack Creed, Glen Road, left Monday night for New York.

Mrs. Isadore Freedman and daughter, Eileen, Walmer Road, returned from New York Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Riffkin, of Auckland, New Zealand, who have been visiting Mrs. L. Fogel, Oakwood Avenue, are sailing for home January 8th, via Vancouver after touring the world for the past eleven months.

Phil Kauffman of Berlin, Germany, who is landing on the S. S. Bremen, will be the guest of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fauman, Palmerston Boulevard.

M. I. Greisman 38 Wells Street, is sailing for Europe, from New York, on the S. S. Olympic, January 11th.

Mrs. Leo Danson, Algonquin Avenue, will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Lyons, while in Hamilton.

A formal theatre party was held and a dinner and dance at the home of Mr. J. A. Landsberg 13 Cardinal Place. Mr. and Mrs. E. Benstein, of Windsor, were out-of-town guests.

Mrs. Alfred King and daughter, Frances, Avenue Road, are back after spending the past week in New York City.

Wm. Garbe, Braemore Gardens, is home from a trip to Detroit where he attended the Sigma Alpha Mu Convention.

Mrs. Leo Hirsch, of Boston, is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Birk, Brunswick Avenue.

Miss Evelyn Kaplan, of Chicago, who has been visiting her grandparents, Reverend and Mrs. M. Kaplan, Rose Park Drive, has returned home.

G. Garbe, Braemore Gardens, is home from a trip to New York and Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Golby, Bloor St. West, entertained at a dinner party New Year's Eve for Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Scheuer and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldsmith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lavine, St. Clair Avenue West, are leaving next Thursday for the South.

Mrs. S. Rockmaker, Bathurst Street, is expected home from Rochester, N. Y. this Sunday.

Mrs. Mac M. Silverberg, Lawton Boulevard, is expecting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ginsberg, of Huntsville, Ont., for a few days' visit.

Mrs. J. Soren, Grace Street, gave a family dinner in celebration of the festive season.

Miss Mildred Fried, Mount Royal Avenue, has as her guest, Miss Beatrice Slonemsky, of Ottawa.

Mrs. Mac M. Silverberg, Lawton Boulevard, was hostess at bridge, honoring Misses Mildred Fried and Lyla Silverberg, brides-elect.

Mrs. Frank Schipper and children, Shirley and Bernard, Rusholme Crescent, are leaving for Miami, Fla., to be the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. L. Abrams, for about two months.

Mrs. J. Feinsod and daughter, Charlotte, Palmerston Boulevard, left for New York to attend the Feinsod-Silverberg wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farber, Astley Avenue, were at home to their friends New Year's Eve at a formal dance.

Mrs. M. Segel, Cedarvale Mansions, entertained Monday afternoon at bridge and mah jongg complimenting Miss Mildred Fried, bride-elect, and Mrs. A. Cole, of Los Angeles. Prizes were won by Mesdames A. Cole, Herman Kluger, I. Fried, H. Solway, O. Maldover, of Detroit; and Miss Gertrude Clavir. Out-of-town guests were: Mrs. S. Rabkin of Hamilton; Mrs. Wm. Clavir, of Kitchener; Mrs. S. Brock, of Buffalo, N.Y.; and Miss Beatrice Slonemsky, of Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rudnick of New York, who were guests of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kent, St. Clair Avenue East, over the holidays, have gone home.

Mrs. S. Lipsitt and son, Harvey, of Roseville, Michigan, are returning home after visiting with her mother, Mrs. H. Brankstone, Dupont Street, for ten days.

Mrs. J. Perkins, of New York, formerly of Toronto, is stopping at the Windsor Arms.

Entertainments in honor of Miss Clara Rapp, a December bride; were given by Miss Lillian Starkman, Dundas St. West, tea and presentation at the King Edward Hotel; Mrs. B. Rapp, College St., tea and presentation, at the Royal York Hotel; Mrs.

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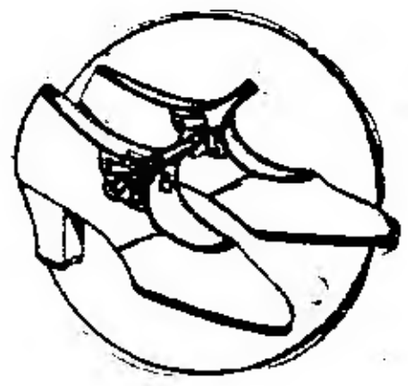

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Mrs. F. Pelts, College Street, was hostess at a dinner party, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Moe Garten, who were married December 23rd.

Murray Draimin, of Detroit, spent the holidays with his sister, Mrs. A. E. Hart, Auburn Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rapp and family, of Markdale, Ont., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Rapp, Manning Avenue, while in town for the Garten-Rapp wedding.

Those who entertained for Miss Lillian Segal, of Chicago, were Mr. and Mrs. I. Segal, Clendenan Avenue, dinner; Miss Etta Wagman, Lauder Avenue, luncheon; Miss Clara Rapp, Manning Avenue, theatre party; Miss Lillian Dworetsky, Dundas St. West, tea.

Delta Phi Sorority held a New Year's party at the home of Miss Thelma Manheim. Attending were: Misses Bessie Shuger, Sarah Stein, Thelma Manheim, Bertha Plyed, Anne Brandston, Molly Perelman and Sarah Solway; and Jack Fisher, David Fisher, Harry Rosenstein, Harry Levinson, Bernard Rubeck, Ben Altman and Jos. Grosbein.

Sam Cohen, of Newark, N.J., who was with his mother, Mrs. J. Cohen, Empire Avenue, while here to attend the Cohen-Segal wedding, returned home.

Miss Sylvia Kovfeta, Northcliffe Boulevard, is expected home from Rochester, N.Y., where she spent the mid-year holidays, the guest of her brother, Dr. Benjamin Kovfeta.

Miss Myrtle Kofman, Crawford Street, entertained Saturday evening last honoring Miss Bessie Rubin and Ben Slesher, both of Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Yolles, Lyndhurst Avenue, are leaving for Miami, Fla., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Oelbaum (nee Ethel Rovner) whose marriage took place, Sunday, December 28th, have returned from their wedding trip and are living at 1485 King Street West.

Complimenting Miss Ethel Rovner, whose marriage to A. R. Oelbaum took place Sunday, December 28th, Mrs. A. Rovner, Sunnyside Avenue, gave a bridge at a down-town tea room; Mrs. D. Danson, luncheon at the Georgian Room; Mrs. C. Freeman, Euclid Avenue, bridge; Mrs. M. Chapman, bridge; Mrs. S. Samuel, Northcliffe Boulevard, luncheon; Mrs. P. Abrams, Indian Road Crescent, kitchen shower and bridge; Mrs. S. Newman, luncheon at the Royal York Hotel and theatre; Miss Ruth Dinaberg, Galley Avenue, tea at the Royal York Hotel; Misses Mary Sniderman, College Street, and Geri Lane, Euclid Avenue, tea at the King Edward Hotel; Misses Pearl Lerner, Minn Branston and Mary Freedman, luncheon at the Primrose Club; Mrs. I. Caplan, Brennore Gardens, bridge; Mrs. M. Gold, Simcoe Street, dinner and bridge; Mrs. P. Abrams, Indian Road Crescent, tea at the Georgian Room; Mrs. J. I. Oelbaum, luncheon at the Primrose Club and bridge; Mrs. L. Oleh, Winette Avenue, bridge; Mrs. F. Bloom, luncheon at Arcadian Court and theatre; Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. Sydney Roth, luncheon at Georgian Room and theatre; Miss Mary Sniderman, College Street, evening and pajama party.

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Miss Irene Spector, Roxton Road, has returned from a two weeks' stay in Ottawa.

Mrs. M. Deswick, of Detroit, is with her mother, Mrs. J. Cohen, Empire Avenue.

Mrs. Wm. Levy and family, of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting with the former's mother, Mrs. R. Levy, Crawford Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Apsel (nee Lillian Levy) late of Toronto, have made their home in Detroit.

Leon Shulman, Crawford Street, spent the holiday week-end in Buffalo.

Misses Jean Rose, Spadina Crescent, and Sarah Moran, Robert Street, left for Philadelphia and New York where they will remain permanently.

Miss Anne Shier, Queen St. East, spent New Year's Eve in Buffalo.

Miss Fanny Senelnick, Markham Street, entertained Saturday evening last in compliment to Misses Minnie Tablin and Pearl Salerow, recently of London, England. Those present were: Misses Minnie Tablin, Pearl Salerow, Nina Kendal, Bess Benson, Rose Spector, Eva Kleiman, Muriel Bain, Dora Rogow and Lillian Robertson; and Ralph Salerow, Julius Zeldin, Percy King, A. Cogan, Phil Berger, Alex Grinis, Morris Senelnick, Harry Bregman, M. Collis and Joe Senelnick.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rose, Spadina Crescent, left for a trip to the continent.

Mrs. D. Brown, Clinton Street, is in Brooklyn, N.Y., visiting her children, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morrison (nee Ida Brown.)

Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldberg, Kippendavie Avenue, entertained at a dinner party Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Samuel Cohen who has recently recovered from a long illness.

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Miss Jennie Albert, of Long Island, N.Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. I. Rosenbaum, Markham Street.

Mrs. Celia Herrman, of Guelph, ...nt, spent a few days in Toronto visiting Miss Fay Ginsberg, McCaul Street.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Katz, Major Street, ...ve a surprise party in honor of ...s. I. Babbin on her home coming ...m Detroit where she was visiting ...r daughter, Mrs. E. Shulmer. Mrs. ... Rose and Mrs. L. Cohen assisted. ...irty guests were present.

J. M. Dullan, Lauder Avenue, has ...turned from New York where he ...ttended the wedding of his daughter, ...orian (Minky) to Guy Weekaler, ... Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Holenberg and ...ughter, Rivka, of Rochester, N.Y., ...ve with the former's children, Mr. and Mrs. H. Holenberg, Hilton Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rosenbusky and daughter, Lillian, came home Tuesday morning from Montreal.

Miss Gertie Ginsberg has returned from Rochester, N.Y., where she attended the Kappa Mu Convention.

Miss Belle Bookman, Bushton Road, is home after spending several weeks in Buffalo, N.Y.

Miss Sadie Perlman, Batural Street, has returned from an extended trip west.

Miss Gertrude Miller, of South Norwalk, Conn., has left after staying for two weeks with Miss Hannah Goldberg, Markham Street.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Turofsky spent the New Year's holiday in Ottawa.

Miss Gertrude Axler, Evelyn Avenue, who has been in Ottawa for the past two weeks, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Cohen, of Worcester, Mass., who was visiting Miss Anne Yaffe, Euclid Avenue, during the holidays, returned to Radcliffe Hall where she is a student.

Wolfe Wilder, of Los Angeles, returned home after a visit with relatives here.

Misses Vera Alexander and Lillian Rapoport have returned from New York where they attended the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Iota Alpha Pi Sorority.

Miss Jeanne Davis, Beverley Street, who has been visiting relatives in the New England States for the past four months, returned home.

Miss Juanita Axler, Bracondale Hill Road, left for a week's stay in Buffalo, N.Y.

Irving G. Zaid, Bartlett Avenue, went to Silver Springs, Md., to attend the National College of Chemistry.

Miss Ruth Nudelman, Queen St. W., has returned from a week's stay in Rochester and Buffalo.

Complimenting Miss Gertrude Miller, who has been the guest of Miss South Norwalk, Conn., and Miss H. Goldberg and Miss Jennie Goldberg, Barton Avenue, hostess Miss H. Goldberg, Markham Street, Bridge; Miss Rose Marcus, Palmerston Boulevard, bridge and supper; Mrs. M. Berger, dinner and theatre; Mrs. F. Goldberg, luncheon; Mrs. H. Goldberg, dinner and evening; Mrs. S. Asherow, tea at Royal York Hotel; Mrs. B. Bregman, Dunedin Road, dinner and evening; Mrs. A. Samuels, Beatrice Street, [illegible]

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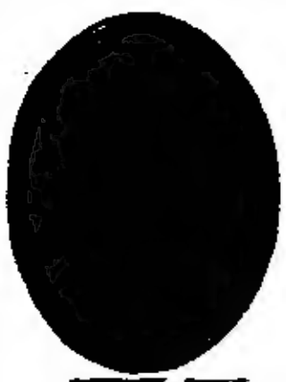

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Joseph Lieberman, 80 Euclid Avenue, Louis Frumes, Carl Grossman and Max Silverman.

Mrs. Ethel A. Davis, Louisiana Road, has returned home after spending the past five weeks in Detroit.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Cohen of Dundas West, entertained at

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Henry Papernik, Austin Terrace, came home from a week in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Isaacs, Danforth Avenue, entertained Sunday evening last complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Morris Glassman (née Tamara Weinberg) whose marriage took place recently in London, England. Covers were laid for 30 guests.

Miss Grace Richmond, Ossington Avenue, is expected home from Montreal this week.

Miss Sarah Maker, of Winona Drive, who spent the past two weeks in Montreal is expected home this week.

Misses Faye Bernstein and Mia Wolfish entertained at luncheon in the Arcadian Court Saturday honouring Miss Ruth Cohen of Worcester, Mass. Miss Cohen was also entertained during the tea hour Saturday at the King Edward Hotel.

Versatile Torontonians to Issue New Paper

From the **Toronto Daily Star:**

"Sponsored, it is stated by prominent Jews throughout the Dominion, and including on its board the majority of Toronto Jews who are leaders in industry and philanthropy, a new Jewish weekly periodical, the Jewish Standard, has been incorporated and will issue its first edition on January 15.

This announcement made to The Star comes after a protest against the editorial policy of the Canadian Jewish Review, which the Zionists have claimed has been attacking their cause by allowing Rabbi M. Eisendrath to publish a series of articles regarding the Jews in Palestine.

Subscriptions amounting to $25,000 have been received, and the list is now closed.

The personnel of the board of management includes L. S. Yolles, president; Eli Pullan, vice-president; David Dunkelman, treasurer; H. S. Rosenberg, secretary, and M. Gelber. The board of directors is: A. J. Freiman of Ottawa; Max Weinstock and B. Vise of Toronto. The editor of the new paper will be Hyman Edelstein, of Montreal, noted Canadian Jewish author and poet."

Card of Thanks

Mesdames L. Yolles and J. J. Dubey, Lyndhurst Avenue, take this opportunity of extending their thanks to all ladies who attended and helped to make their luncheon bridge in aid of the cots maintained by the Maternity Aid at the Queen Mary's hospital for Consumptives and the Mount Sinai Hospital, a success.

ART

After Morris Kohn made a fortune on the market his wife had their name changed to Mortimer Coyne and became a devotee of art. One day an acquaintance met her on the street and in the conversation asked her if she was fond of art.

"Fond of art" cried Mrs. Coyne "why, I should say so! If ever I am in a city where there's an artery I never fail to find it."

Holy Blossom Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi M. Eisendrath, Bond Street.

Services: Saturday at 10.30 a. m. sermon on the portion of the week. Sunday at 11 a.m., Rabbi Eisendrath will speak on Eugene O'Neill's "Dynamo." The pulpit flowers last week were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jule Bernstein in honor of the bar mitzvah of their son, Arthur.

Rabbi Eisendrath is to address the combined Junior and Senior Meeting of the Young People's League of Goel Tzedec Congregation Sunday evening.

Next meeting of the Sisterhood Tuesday, January 14th., at 8 p.m. at the synagogue chambers, at Mother and Daughter supper.

Rabbi and Mrs. Eisendrath will be at home to the members of the congregation each Friday evening during the month of January at 932 Avenue Road.

Annual Chanukah party of the Religious Schools was held last Saturday. Program: Opening remarks by their principal, Martin Cohn, and by Rabbi Eisendrath; shadowgraphs, planned and staged by Miss Toby Pollick of the teaching staff, in which the following participated: Irving Siegal, Arthur Bernstein, Lionel Roher, Vivian Singer, Irving Lewin, Minette Davidson, Bobby Raphael, Charles Barron, Bernice Taube; recitation, Sidney Harris; dance and piano solo by Ruth and Frances Thomas; lighting of the Chanukah lights by Bobbie Raphael and Boris Swerling; a play, coached and staged by Miss Pollick, and in which the following participated: Bobby Raphael, Doris Dworkin, Mildred Margulies, Irving Lewin, Lionel Roher, Boris Swerling, Irving Siegal, Charles Barron, Stella Swerling, Lorainne Stein, Minetta Davidson, Belle Narrol, Madeleine Phillips, Reva Barron, Pauline Lewin, Grace Jenesov. Refreshments were served by the Sisterhood, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Marks and Mrs. Jos. Cohn.

WINS MEDAL

At an entertainment held by Mrs. F. C. Herly at the studio of the Canadian College of Music, Reba Rubinovitch played the piano and was awarded a medal from the college. The presentation was made by Mr. Howell, director of the college. A card of congratulations was presented to her from the pupils and flowers from Mrs. Herly. Present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Rabinovitch, Mrs. A. Firestone, Miss Sadie Firestone, Miss Rose Brock, and Misses E. and R. Rabinovitch.

CONVERT TO JUDAISM 84 YEARS AGO

S. Talpis, of Montreal, came across the following from "The Occident" of May, 1846: "Died on the 11th of March at Toronto, Moses Nathan Binley, Esq., son of the late Dr. Binley, a convert to Judaism. Mr. Binley was in his 24th year and had already distinguished himself in the profession of law and had a prospect of a distinguished career when his life fell a sacrifice to consumption of which several others of his family died. His loss is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends both in his native land and here."

SUNDAY DANCE

Delta Phi Epsilon Alumnae Scholarship tea dance takes place Sunday, January 12, at Alpha Omega Fraternity House, 113 Markham Street, from 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets from Mrs. Ethel Haberman, Junct. 1623.

Goel Tzedec Synagogue, University Avenue, Rabbi Samuel Sachs.

Lecture Friday at 8:30 p.m. "Who Are Your Friends?" Cantor Barkin. Saturday at 10:30 sermon on the weekly portion of the Bible.

Young People's League and the Junior Young People's League joint meeting Sunday at 8:45. Program and dance.

Sisterhood meets Tuesday afternoon in the Synagogue Chambers. Program: Bible talk by Rabbi Sachs, 2:30-3; business, 3-3:30, and review of Ludwig Lewisohn's "Midchannel" by Mrs. Meyer Rotenberg. Social.

CHILDREN GIVEN CONCERT

Dr. M. L. Dyment, who for the past two years has conducted a dental health clinic at the Jewish Children's Home with the assistance of his brother, David D. Dyment, sponsored a concert for the children of the Home. A. Bloom, of Winnipeg, played the violin, Lou Greenbaum, of Winnipeg, played the piano, Lew Herman, formerly of Chicago gave songs and dances, James Kaplan, of Montreal, accompanied Miss Pearl Grupstein, gave interpretive dances. Reverend M. Kaplan, one of the founders of the Institution, addressed the children.

MERRYMAKERS CLUB

The second monthly social of the Merrymakers Club was held at the home of the president Miss Esther Adel, King St. E.

Those present were Misses Gertrude Dyne, Hilda Wilson, Anne Shier, Esther Bronstein, Betty Goodman, Shirley Wellinsky, Anne Adel, Gert Adel, Ruth Katzman Esther Adel, and Al Cooper, Moe Goldhar, Leon Shulman, Paul King, Sam Chessen, Sam Yerman, Willie Tohn Roy Gudofsky, Ben Kaplan, Max Sherman and Joe Goodman. Prizes were won by Miss Hilda Wilson and Leon Shulman.

Y. P. M. F.

Y. P. M. F. met at the home of Miss Lily Steinberg, 236 Euclid Ave., and heard an impromptu debate. Affirmative, Misses Molly Pearl and Ray Lazurus; negative Misses Rose Feder and Bertha Safer. Negative won. A reading was given by the leader Miss Tillie Singer. The hostess, was assisted by Miss Esther Rogow. Next meeting at the home of Miss Ida Honickman, 436 Euclid Ave.

JEWISH BOYS' CLUB

The annual Chanukah entertainment was held Sunday night at the J. B. C. Central Branch, 218 Simcoe St., under the direction of Percy Kopman. Each group put on a play. L. SelSick was judge. Martin Cohn told a story. The boys are holding a book shower.

West End—At Group Macabees Chanukah party, S. Greenblatt and J. Podharcer presented skits. J. Siegel won the all-round prize for the evening. At the Chanukah entertainment Sunday night N. Usprich recited Group Dan boys in a play, were: M. Shoom, N. Usprich, S. Sherman, S. Shusterman, and M. Swartz. Pioneers on the program, W. Rosen, R. Super, H. Kronis, I. Salkin and B. Shuman. S. Greenblatt, H. Axler, I. Sniderman and P. Swartzman of the Maccabeus group presented a play.

SOLIATH GIRLS

The Soliath Girls Club took eleven orphans to the Tivoli theatre De- ber 31st. The children were to the home of Miss Francis W berg for supper and each was a box of chocolates.

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Council of Jewish Women meets Thursday, January 16th., at the Community House, 44 St. George Street, at a luncheon. Hector Charlesworth will speak on "Strange Interlude." Discussion.

C.H.S.S. INSTALLATION BANQUET

Past president, Maurice Schelnert installed the newly-elected officers at the annual banquet and dance in Chilian Castle Hall, College St., Monday evening, January 6. Joe Hooks is the youngest president the society has ever elected. He was formerly recording secretary. Other new officers are C. Schumer, vice-president; F. Swartz, recording secretary, M. Goldberg, treasurer; J. Cohen, financial secretary; M. Kochberg, sergeant-at-arms. An orchestra provided entertainment. The initiation team put on its drill work.

59th OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

An executive meeting of the Association was held Sunday, January 5, at the home of the president, Mac Rosen, Clinton St. Reports were submitted by Sol Greenwood, Carl Switz, Lawrence Pifko, Max Lang, and Leon Shulman, about the play and dance at Forester's Hall, 22 College St., Saturday, January 18, at 8 p.m. A play entitled, "The Amateurs," will be produced under the direction of Sol Fauman. Supper meeting, Monday, January 13. Information see Mac Brown, Tr. 7705-M, or Tom King, Tr. 0359-W.

SEEK OFFICES

Chas. H. Smith, boy athlete and gymnasium instructor at the Jewish Boys' Club is running for controller in the coming Municipal Council for 1930. Maxwell S. King, who has been a council member for the past two years, seeks the office of Boy Mayor.

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QUEEN ESTHER REBEKAH LODGE

Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge were hostesses to Sunnyside Lodge at their Chanukah celebration meeting at Oddfellow's Temple, 229 College Street. Rabbi S. Sachs was speaker; Miss Florence Krehm, pianist; Sister Sophie Greenberg, singer. A three-act playlet in Yiddish, written and directed by Miss Selena Herman, was presented by her pupils. Cast included Florence and Celia Wilson, Rosie Steinberg, Esther Quitt, Jewel Schwartz, Cecile Till, Shirley Altar, Betty and Annie Landau, Doris Tenenbaum, Ottel Clayman, Sarah, Rosie, Mollie, Ruth and Tillie Grafstein, Ruth and Naomi White, Albert Moison, Frank and Harold Ison, Hershel Freeman and Irving Liss. Assistants were Miss Florence Krehm, pianist; Miss Mildred Helfand, dancing; Miss Lena Greenberg, costuming. Eva Sheffe, entertainment convenor, received a bouquet of flowers presented by Edna Middleton on behalf of the entertainment committee. Selena Herman received flowers from the Lodge presented by Eva Sheffe. Her pupils presented Miss Herman with books and Misses Krehm and Helfand with leather bags. Miss Herman presented them with candy. Mr. and Mrs. Grafstein gave Miss Herman a silver flower basket. In the dancing hall refreshments were served. Wednesday evening, January 15th, installation of these officers takes place: Ella Cohen, Ella Carman, Etta Bronstein, recording secretary; Henrietta Herman, financial secretary; Beatrice Mahl, treasurer; Selena Herman, Refreshments.

TALMUD TORAH GRADUATION EXERCISES

At the Talmud Torah, 9 Brunswick Ave., Sunday afternoon, January 5th, these graduates were given elementary school diplomas: Ida Greenberg, Florence Hurwich, Sadie Konawich, Bessie Melamed, Molly Meingarten, Miriam Parl, Miriam Perl, Jennie Tarnow, Helen Peltz, Faygie Halpern, Hilda Witkin, Rose Debrushin, Beatrice Swartz, Leah Swartz, Goldie Sakowitch, Jacob Sakowitch, Archie Shulman, Ephraim Savlove, Harold Fine, Gordon Donsky, Aaron Laporter, David Shapiro, Norman Shapiro, Abraham Zeldin. A musical concert was given by a choir of girls conducted by Miriam Herman, a pupil. Rose Raylin and Hilda Witkin accompanied. Solos were sung by Florence Hurwich, Leah Swartz, Miriam Herman, and Miriam Parl. Talks were given by Jacob Sakowitch, Gordon Donsky, David Shapiro and Ida Greenberg, in Hebrew; by Sadie Kanowich, in Yiddish; Hilda Witkin, in English. A Hebrew play was presented by Miss T. Toback's Kindergarten Class. Ruby Garbath, Izzie Burkofsky, Harry Kohl, Hymie Brenman took part. M. Gelber, president, spoke in Hebrew to the graduates. Rabbi Gordon spoke. M. Frank, principal, introduced the graduates. S. Harris, chairman of the Board of Education, gave out the diplomas. Rabbi S. Sachs spoke. The graduates were presented with graduation pins from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Talmud Torah by Mesdames P. James, L. Shechter M. Gelber, Ida Greenberg on behalf of the graduates presented the principal with a Silver Case Shaving Set.

REST HOME CLUB

Rest Home Club tea took place at the home of Sylvia Lichtenberg, Annette St. Table decorations were in rose and green, the club colors. The tea was poured by Mrs. Lichtenberg. Program: welcome by the president, Marelan Hanshor; club song and yell, cheer leader, Meryl Sapera; piano, Loretta Yolles; talk, Beulah Simon; piano, Sylvia Samuels; presentation of colors and pins, Miss Albena Simonsky.

GIRLS INVITED TO JOIN

A business meeting of the Happy Go Lucky Girls was held at the home of Miss Ida Cohen Sunday, December 29th. Scrap books were discussed. Open for Membership, ages 19-23. President, Jeannette Appelberg, Lo. 9569; secretary, Kate Cohen, Tr. 7403.

CHANGE OF NAME

Toronto Jewish Medical Association decided to change its name to the Mount Sinai Medical Society. Officers elected: president: Dr. D. Perlman, vice-president, Dr. S. Shaul; secretary, Dr. N. Rosen; Executive Committee, Dr. C. A. Markowitz, B. Cohen and D. Eisen. These chiefs of staff of the Mount Sinai Hospital were all recommended to the Board of Directors of the hospital for reappointment: medicine, Dr. M. A. Pollock; surgery, Dr. A. I. Willinsky; obstetrics, Dr. B. Cohen; oto-laryngology, Dr. I. R. Smith; ophthalmology, Dr. M. K. Bochner; anesthesia, Dr. D. Perlman, radiology, Dr. D. Eisen; pathology, Dr. A. Brody.

TORONTONIANS ELECTED

At the Eleventh Annual International Convention of Rho Pi Phi Fraternity held in New York City the last week in December, the delegates from Toronto Chapter were: H. Corb and A. M. Lazarus. Moee Hanerman and Leon L. Scher attended as members of the Supreme Council. At the election of officers at which delegates from fifteen chapters voted, the following were elected: Leon L. Scher, Toronto, Supreme Councillor; Joseph Brenner, New York, vice Supreme Councillor; Sanford Braunstein, San Francisco, 2nd. Vice Supreme Councillor. David Blackstone, Boston, Supreme Guardian of Exchequer; A. M. Lazarus, Toronto, Supreme Master of Ceremonies. Nu Chapter of Toronto includes young pharmacists. Next Convention in Cleveland, in December.

EMANON CLUB

December 22nd, at the home of Miss Fannie Forman, Mr. Castelle, Faculty of the University of Toronto, gave a talk on "Ten of the World's Greatest Thinkers." The list was made up of Plato, Aristotle, Copernicus, Hume, Rousseau, Kant, Marx, Compte, Einstein and Freud. The speaker mentioned Darwin as having contributed to the world's thought. About forty attended. Misses Tobie Pollock and Rae Aiken moved and seconded a vote of thanks.

Arthur Milliner violinist and Marian Neverin, pianist, played.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Misses Minnie Kamlnker and Rae Aiken assisted at the tea table.

AUXILIARY PARTY

The Y.M.H.A. Ladies' Auxiliary held their fourth annual Chanukah entertainment and party at the Zionist Building, Wednesday, January 1st., for 75 children and their parents. Chairlady Mrs. S. Zaid, welcomed them assisted by H. Zweig, chairman of the Y.M.H.A. M. Schatz lit the Chanukah candles and Dr. Mark Zimmerman gave a talk on Chanukah. Norman Ruskin, 7 years old, was King and recited and Ruth Schlosman, 7 years old, was Queen. A violin solo was given by Irving Schlosman assisted by his teacher, Mr. Burrell. A mandolin orchestra consisting of Abraham Ruskin, Max Freedman, Roy Goldenberg, Fred Steinhouse, and Phillip Drutz entertained. Mesdames H. Megerman, S. Zaid, Cohen and S. Zaid decorated the hall. Refreshments committee were Mesdames D. Borlick, M. Geller, H. Megerman, Cohen, H. Goodman, and Mrs. S. Zaid. Favours.

THE GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club, comprised of girls and boys ranging from 14 to 18 years of age met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tenenbaum, Mavety Avenue. Syd Zaid is president. Miss Doris Tenenbaum played the piano. Dancing. Mrs. Tenenbaum assisted by her daughters, Doris and Dorothy, served refreshments. Next meeting Sunday at 4 p.m. at the home of Al Sandler, 28A Palmerston Avenue.

B'NAI BRITH

B'nai Brith met at the King Edward Hotel, last Monday evening, December 4th. Candidates initiated in the Harry Rosenthal Degree Class were: J. Bennett, D. Caplan, A. Clavir, D. Cohen, H. W. Crafton, Joe Eisenberg, J. B. Ellis, H. Goldstein, H. Hartzman, I. J. Lubin, Sal Marks, J. Manis, J. Nissenbaum, C. J. Raskowitz, S. Posluns, D. Raitblat, C. Simpson, S. A. Smith, H. D. Teperman and Dr. Mark Zimmerman. Mr. Polikoff spoke on behalf of the Tools Campaign of the ORT in which The Lodge will take part. Meeting Monday evening, December 13th at the King Edward Hotel. Proceeds of Boxing Night to be held at the Coliseum February 3rd. go to B'nai Brith Camp for boys.

BLUE BIRD CLUB

The Blue Bird Club gave a formal dance in honor of their eighth anniversary, at a restaurant Christmas Eve. Programme dancing. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godfrey, Misses Ruth Cohen, of Worcester, Mass.; Anne Yaffey, Min Wolfe, Faye Bornstein, Min Wolfish, Anna Sacks, Kate Perlmutter, Bea Catzman, Martha Blidner, Rae Grossman, Pearl Ross, Mildred Swartz, Jerry Green, Thelma Goldberg, Celia Forman; and J. Senehick, S. L. Wolfe, M. Sigal, I. Aaron, F. Roher, I. P. Dickler, H. Cass, B. Perlman, F. M. Catzman, M. Horowitz, H. Title, H. Reihstein, S. Rosenthal, N. Astrof and I. Weinert. Novelties, favors.

THE ARISTOCRATS

The Aristocrats held a New Year's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Becker, 346 Crawford Street. M. Finkelstein entertained. Mrs. A. Bienstien, Oxford Street, was installed as mistress and M. Snider, Lauder Avenue, as chairman.

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Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. S. Cohen, Oxford Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Blanche, to L. William Spiegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Spiegel, Grace Street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Copper announce the engagement of their son, Ralph, of Buffalo, to Miss Sophie Fisher, of Philadelphia.

Marriages

Stein-Cornfield

Mrs. Claire Cornfield, Beatrice Street, announces that the marriage of her daughter, Marian, to Abraham H. Stein, of New York, took place quietly at home Sunday, December 29th.

Silver-Solway

Tuesday, December 31st, at seven o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Solway, Lakeview Avenue, the marriage was quietly solemnized of their daughter Ethyl, to Fred Silver, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Silver, Wineva Avenue. Rabbi Jacob Gordon officiated.

Deaths

Morton De Young Greenberg, broker associated with S. A. Taylor and Co., Ltd., died suddenly, at his home, 29 High Park Blvd., in his 50th year.

Born

Born, December 8th, at the General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Landsberg, (née Dolly Fishkin) Bathurst Street, a daughter, Sonia Jewel.

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PRESTON

The Bar Mitzvah of Mathew, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gordon, 974 Duke Street, took place, Sunday, January 5th, at Sulphur Springs Hotel, Preston. More than fifty guests were present. S. Florence, uncle of the bar-mitzvah, was toastmaster and the following spoke; S. Barenholtz, Hebrew teacher of Galt and Preston, Rabbi S. Maizel, Rev. Zacharov, S. Florence, L. Florence, M. Florence, M. L. Gordon, H. Spring, M. Goldstein, A. Cappel, L. Enushevsky, S. Korelewsky, T. Cavell, Mrs. L. Florence, M. Brown, M. Garfinkel, M. Katz, A. Jessel, H. Enushevsky.

CORNWALL

Mrs. N. Roth gave a bridge party Sunday honouring Miss Jenny Wener, who is to leave Cornwall soon to be married, and Miss Annette Phillips, who is leaving to live in Montreal. Prizes were won by Miss Molly Miller, Miss Edna Fink, Mesdames Max Ain, Phil, Abugor and Breitman. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Roth assisted by Miss Lilly Miller and Mrs. J. J. Phillips, Mrs. Goldhimer and Mrs. I. Cohen. The hostess presented the honourees with gifts.

The Island Within

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It is questionable weather he was ever aware of the character of this process. Certainly not to the extent of precise memories strong enough to pierce the dust of the obliterating years. So he was quite honest in saying, like many another—since the strong and successful and unblemished rarely emigrate—that he had forgotten the old country. . . . Later, much later, it came to him, slipped into his mind again and again, as a troubling and lovely and pathetic vision, and as his father lived on and on he determined again and again once more to visit the scenes of his youth. But something always kept him from the trip. He alone knew that he was slightly relieved whenever affairs offered a good excuse for delay. A faint sense of woe, of frustration, of estrangement stronger than his longing, kept him clinging without a break to his vigorous, healthy, familiar, unproblematic American world. . . .

That world, even in the beginning, had not consisted wholly, of course, of the furniture loft of Friedenfeld & Cohn. Jacob had found board and lodging at the rate of five dollars a week in the house of Mrs. Bartenwerfer on Third Avenue. Mrs. Bartenwerfer had advertised in the *Staats Zeitung* that another respectable young man could be accommodated at her house. Was it so soon a symptom of Americanization through atmosphere that Jacob went to Third Avenue despite the obviously Gentile name of Mrs. Bartenwerfer? The crinkled, short, elderly, self-important woman, widow of a tax-collector in Westphalia, received him kindly and loquaciously. In Minden she had been *Frau Steuerinspektor*. Here she was nobody. But one does anything for one's children. And Hans, her son, had thought there wasn't much of a future for a young man in Germany. He was working in a banking-house; his salary was small; so was her pension. Anyhow, she couldn't just sit still with folded hands. Hence this house and the boarders. She already had one, Herr Mumme, son of a very rich butcher in Minden. The boy was here to study American methods of business. Yes, ach yes! But would he tell her his honored name again? She hadn't quite caught it. Levy? Oh, yes. An Israelite. She knew many fine Israelites. She had had Israelite neighbors in Minden. And the banker for whom Hans worked was one, too. She was an enlightened woman and had no prejudices. Only she must ask him for a reference, though she had no doubt at all of his worthiness. New York was such a big city. Mr. Friedenfeld of Friedenfeld & Cohn? Oh, that was quite enough. Yes, she had heard of Mr. Friedenfeld, a fine man, a benevolent man, as so many Israelites were. . . .

It was, perhaps, this drifting into a German-American environment in the beginning that caused the Jewish habits of his youth to fade more swiftly from Jacob's life. In one of her earlier letters his mother asked him whether he got his food ritually pre-

HAMILTON

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tick, Barton Street West, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Frances, to Joseph Mill, of Detroit, son of M. Mill, of Rugby, North Dakota, and the late Mrs. Mill. Marriage takes place January 26th.

Mrs. Frank Palter entertained at a tea room, Saturday, at a tea, complimenting her sister, Miss Frances Tick, a bride of this month.

Naomi Chapter of Jr. Hadassah gave a bridge and luncheon at the Royal Connaught in honor of Miss Frances Tick.

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...here was a clerk of Friedenfeld ...hn's named Nathan Goldmann. ...as a small, thin, tense young man ... very black eyes and very black ...ows growing together over his ... inquisitive nose. He had come ... with his parents from Tilsit when ...as a boy of fifteen and consid... himself an authority on American ... and habits. He was terribly in ...st and gesticulated violently and ... a good listener in Jacob. He ... that people in America were ...ng richer and richer; there was ...ncreasing market for a better ... of goods even among working...e; he had a theory, in addition, ... the atrocious taste of the period ... be mitigated. On an open book... in lower Fourth Avenue he had ...t a few second-hand copies of ...pean periodicals devoted to the ...rative arts. There was a man in ...and, named William Morris, who ...lesigned some new types of furni... If one could manufacture such ...s here one could make a fortune. ...mann carried about with him ...graphs of furniture torn out of ...stray copies of periodicals that ...d bought. He threw up his arms ...rd despair. "But without a capi... what can you do? I've talked to ...oss. A good man but a *shlemihl.* ...said: 'Why should I change my ...ess? It is a good business.'"

...acob felt a strange quiver in his ...ils. "How much capital is ...d?"

...oldmann squinted fiercely. He ... a tense forefinger. "I have a ...e. If I had one thousand dollars ... one thousand dollars!"

...acob's face fell. "All I have is ... hundred."

Goldmann jumped. "I have two hundred, myself. Wait . . . wait . . . wait."

Two days later he came to Mrs. Bartenwerfer's house in the evening and, sitting on the single chair in Jacob's little room, explained. Mr. Friedenfeld had been persuaded to put five hundred dollars into the scheme of the two young men, since they had the other five hundred between them. He liked to help to set up young men in business, though Goldmann's particular scheme still annoyed him a little. If young men had businesses of their own they could marry, and to promote marriages was a good and a Jewish action. Thus the benevolent Friedenfeld argued. With a wave of his hand Goldmann swept him out of existence and explained his scheme to Jacob. They would rent a shop; they would hire a carpenter, a greener, newly from Poland; Goldmann, who could draw fairly well, would design a new type of easy chair from the cuts he had; the rods and cushions for the Morris chairs they could buy ready made. They would advertise a little. But also they would both canvass from house to house in certain districts. He believed . . . he believed . . . Jacob was swept away by his friend's tense faith. He knew that he would feel rather naked and exposed to the cruelty of the world without either his job or his little capital safe in bank. But there was no backing out now; there was no possibility of risking the reproaches or the despair of Goldmann. The firm of Goldmann & Levy was founded on that evening; it was, of course, not incorporated until several years later. Hazel Levy, as well as the two Goldmann girls, though thoroughly familiar with this whole story, were to be glad enough in their day that no one would have guessed it from the exquisite advertisements of the Phoenix Art Furniture Company, Creators of Beautiful Homes, which graced the pages of their favorite magazines. . . .

Success did not come to the two young men at once. At first the sale of their chair went very slowly. Then when the orders increased they found it difficult to fill them, for they had no money and little credit. If Mrs. Bartenwerfer had not occasionally waited for her board bill and Goldmann's parents supported him and Friedenfeld said a good word for the young men to wholesalers in wood and upholstery, the firm would have collapsed half a dozen times during its first three years. Nathan and Jacob lived frugally and worked hard; Jacob felt guilty when, occasionally, he sneaked off to a concert. Nathan needed nothing for life but his purpose. He was a more typical Jew than Jacob. Had his education and opportunities been higher his purpose would have been higher, too. His children were to illustrate that amply later on. The point is that he knew no drifting, no turning aside, only his purpose. Jacob, the slightly blond with the broad hands, could not so easily curb his fingers and his outgoings. But the example of his partner kept him frugal and definitely at work. By 1888 the worst struggles were over. A tiny factory had been established on the outskirts of Hoboken and a modest showroom opened on Broadway. After that the expension of the business was rapid, though it was not until 1896 that the great factory at Grand Rapids, Mich., was built and the permanent Phoenix Exhibit of Art Furniture established on East Fiftieth Street. . . .

In the crucial years of the expansion of the business both Nathan and Jacob were helped by their marriages. Nathan married Sarah Herz in 1889. She was plump and brown and kind and competent, and her father, an importer of silk ribands, gave her a dowry of $5,000 which promptly went, of course, to strengthen the business of Goldmann & Levy. Thereafter Jacob felt that it was, in a sense, his duty to imitate his partner. But he was in a dilemma. For he was in love with Gertrude Oberwarter and Gertrude was one of the two daughters of a widow who could not touch her small capital without dangerously reducing her income. He had met the Oberwaters through the Bartenwerfers. Fanny Oberwarter, the daughter of a well-known German-American journalist of Jewish extraction named Julius Conheim, had been born in America. Her husband had come from Hamburg in his earliest years. The two girls, though they could speak German if necessary, were very conscious Americans. The family lived in a pleasant house in Mount Vernon and it was on their lawn and under their trees that Jacob Levy first perceived the soft brilliance of an American landscape and in some dim way claimed the earth and country as his own.

Gertrude was a little shocked when she found herself attracted by the young immigrant named Levy. She had liked some of the blond young German-Americans with whom she had gone to school. But in her generation the instinct against intermarriage was still forbidding in its strength. Well, Jacob was blond; he was gentle; he loved music. He seemed less Jewish to her than the swarthy young men with their intense and eager air whom she knew. He seemed less emphatic and so more refined. Her mother liked him, too; spring nights in the little Mount Vernon garden did the rest.

Since Gertrude was younger than her sister Ella there was no hurry about marriage. Also Mrs. Oberwarter wanted to see Jacob's business expand a little more. But early in 1891 old Mrs. Conheim died and left each of the girls $8,000. Jacob looked into the velvety brown eyes of Gertrude; he gazed at her oval face with the burning red lips; he touched her long coils of chestnut hair. She wanted to be a June bride in the American fashion. The minister of a reform congregation read the service over them in Mrs. Oberwarter's parlor. They went to Niagara Falls on their wedding journey. . . .

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1891. The World Building was the tallest in New York. Weber and Fields were the joy and pride of the town. At her cottage piano in their new apartment on West Eightieth Street Gertrude Levy in a full long skirt and a tight-fitting black silk "jersey" sang and played "Love's Old Sweet Song." The popular songs were becoming less and less refined.

> It won't be a stylish marriage,
> For I can't afford a carriage,
> But you'll look sweet
> Upon the seat
> Of a bicycle built for two.

The Levy's dining-room was one of the earliest examples of "mission" furniture in weathered oak. Sarah Goldmann thought it terribly plain. She infinitely preferred her own golden-oak set, especially the sideboard with its little protruding, balcony-like shelves on which her cut glass glittered so charmingly, and the bevel-edged mirror in the middle. Her husband, though he was really the firm's innovator in styles of furniture, let Sarah have her way. What he wanted at home was a good bed and good food, good home-cooked food, and peace. In their parlor the Levys had a "set" of silk upholstery and gilt wood that was supposed to be of a certain French "period." It was not clear of which. Their washstands and bureaus were all marble-topped. . . .

The young couple was very happy and very home-loving. Jacob felt that he had come home in every sense. He had long ago taken out his citizenship papers; his wife was native-born. His children, God willing, would be Americans. He still said "God willing." But it was on his lips really equivalent to "*absit omen!*" It was a phrase with which to ward off ill luck. Neither he nor his wife ever debated the question of any religious observance. Gertrude knew, of course, that her husband's parents had been observant Jews; so had her grandparents been. All that lay in a scarcely imaginable past behind her. Here was Broadway, and Luchow's restaurant on Fourteenth Street, and a delightful little German cellar restaurant on an Eighth Street corner called "Zum Prelaten." Here was John Wanamaker's store. The firm—Goldmann & Levy—was making money. Jacob was very generous. Unconsciously he adopted the whole of his young wife's outlook. It represented peace to him and liberation from fear and prosperity. It represented America. He was a Republican and voted for Benjamin Harrison. He and Goldmann had never raised the question of closing their business on Saturday. It was on Sunday afternoon that they went out walking with their young wives. It was on Sunday that they invited each other to dinner and partook, either at the Goldmann or the Levy apartment, of roast goose or *Schmorbraten* and *lokshen* pudding. They never asked themselves whether *lokshen* and *gefullte* Milz was all that was left them of the traditions of their race. Well, perhaps it was not quite all. A few words like *mishpoche* (kith and kin) or *miess* (ugly) or *bekoved* (honorable or decent) were still used. And in the earliest days Jacob and Gertrude if they didn't want the Irish maidservant to know that they were talking about her, referred to her as the *shikse.* But even this faint linguistic habit faded. It had never been strong in Gertrude, anyhow.

The Goldmanns were their best friends; they saw a good deal, of course, of Gertrude's mother and sister and a little later of Ella's husband Adams, a very successful drummer in woollens who had had the American *s* added by legalized enactment to his name. They were also, in a quiet, self-respecting way, very proud of their friendship with the Mortimer Freefields, who had, a little to their own surprise, invited them to dinner soon after their marriage. Not that they had not known all about the Freefields. When the expanding firm of Goldmann & Levy found that it had an increasing amount of legal business to transact, it very naturally took that business to the son of its first friend and benefactor. Nathan, to be sure, had said somewhat contemptuously: "Freefield! Why Freefield! A name, too! Is he ashamed of his father?" But he and Jacob were both impressed by the Princeton and Columbia degrees, the sombre, solemn office, the superb American speech of the glossy lawyer. The wives of Nathan and Jacob were equally impressed by the fact that Mr. Freefield had married a Miss Ottolengui of Savannah, Georgia, and was thus allied with the artisocratic Sephardic families who had come to America (from North Africa *via* the West Indies) before the American Revolution.

(Continued next week)

KING

Mendel was a good-natured Talmudist, but often quarreled with his wife. After one of their petty rifts, Mendel laid down the law in this fashion:

"I am the legal head of this house. I am the husband and the father of this family. In my house, according to the Talmud, I am like a King, do you understand, Sarah, in my house I am like a King!"

"Yes, my Mendel," answered Sarah soothingly, "of course in our house you are like a King—let us say like the King of England; you have the title, but not the power."

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forebears had undergone, overwhelmed him as he stood upon the stamping ground of Asa ben Miriam and of Israel, reconnoitred the Temple of Caiaphus, roamed through mosques and tombs and ruins. And at the Wailing Place he felt a golden cord binding him to those whose torsos bent forward and back as they prayed to God to forgive them their sins, the sins of their brethren and of their ancestors.

Among the profoundly ingrained instincts of the Jew is that of love, the love of mother, of wife, of children, of home and of self. Konrad Bercovici reveals a capacity for love so deep and expansive as to cause the casual observer both surprise and incredulity. One rarely sees, as I did who lived in the Bohemian domesticity of his home, such filial understanding between parents and children. The rigid bars between elders and their young have been torn away. He is "Konrad" and his wife is "Naomi" to their four children.

Each of them has been given free rein to develop what talent is latent in him or her. And with what results! Zion, the eldest son, an editor and a coming writer already appearing in the foremost magazines; Gorky, in his early twenties, indicating like burgeoning; Rada, their daughter, who is almost twenty, has studied in Paris for several years, and is at present preparing for her vocal debut; Mirel, who at eleven paints and sculps so well as to prognosticate a brilliant career in these branches of art for herself.

A charming incident concerns Mirel. One day she was pottering around a three-century-old French spinet—the Bercovicis are ardent lovers of antiques—and she was jestingly warned by a visitor that her daddy might spank her for playing with such a valuable piece. Mirel replied: "Oh no, Konrad doesn't believe in spanking; he never did."

Married for over a quarter of a century, Konrad loves his wife with the same poetic, devoted love he first offered her when they met in France. To see him come into his home after a three-hour lunch at the Algonquin with the literati, is a delight to the eye. His ten-gallon black hat flies from his head to repose wherever it may fall, his cane is flung uncertainly to a nook, his arms fly open, and—"Naomi!" as though it were the first time he had seen her in an age. As for Mrs. Bercovici, she has made her love for this unusual man most evident by the frankest displays. Most of his volumes are dedicated to her: "To Naomi," or "To Naomi, Again and Again," etc. And rightly. She planned many of his books with him, discussed them, and otherwise lent him her spiritual support, without which it doesn't seem as if he could work well. And there were times, hardly more than a decade off, when he was doing the severest of manual labour to keep his family from starvation—it was in those stringent times she became his bulwark against despair.

Physically, he combines the finer characteristics of Jewish and Gypsy physiognomy set firmly upon a robust body. Abundant black hair eternally in disorder and strewn over a high forehead; a strongly-chiselled swarthy face; piercing observant eyes, the colour of which can never be definitely ascertained; a silky-black moustache, wide and underflung; a strong mouth and chin under the Jewish (not Semitic) inquisitive nose, compose an unforgettable face. At times it is kindly to the point of apology, but on other occasions it grows stern and cruel in appearance.

The tone of his writing possesses an atavistic ruggedness and philosophy, style, and character portraiture which his own strenuous life does not belie. In his youth, on his father's land, close to the blue Danube in Roumania, school was often reached across the frozen river and by a path menaced by wolves. This was followed by a period of wandering with several gypsy tribes by whom he was considered as a brother and was known as Murdo. This in turn he abandoned for the struggle of study and preparation for a musical career in Paris. Eventually, an accomplished organist, he came to America—just out of his teens, and married!

He spent a number of years engaged in his musical career during which period he composed music to Jewish text, quaint, sweet, sad, and jolly little *liedlach* that are being sung to-day in many a Jewish home.

At last, back in New York with a suddenly-aflame desire to write, he began to produce in Yiddish in the DAILY FORWARD and its contemporary sheets. While his name became a by-word in Jewish homes, particularly after he helped edit the astonishingly complete Jewish-English dictionary, the results were meagre for the maintenance of his family. A gifted linguist and a capacious scholar, he quickly became so proficient as to find his initial story in the lesser English magazines. Practically every year-book and anthology on the short story in the intervening thirteen years contains one of his tales. And besides being prolific his diversity has discouraged publishers who wanted to gather some stories of fairly correlative quality and nature for collections. So that short story collections of his are comparatively few. His favourite subjects were always primarily the gypsies, with tales of Jews and of New York, secondary material.

Because of his dominant self-understanding—in itself a Jewish quality—Konrad Bercovici has been able to throw off one Jewish trait which has harmed the general health of the world for long. That of worry. He never does that, he once remarked in a reminiscent vein, [illegible] work rather than a day's worry, [illegible] in the long run feels he has come out far ahead of the game. He firmly believes that the wherewithal will come, regardless of one's efforts to grasp it sooner, if one does not indulge in idleness.

Often a reviewer takes with a grain of salt an incident or a scene described by this unique Jewish gypsy of literature. The reason for this is simple. How many are fortunate enough to have his kind of a soul? It is difficult for any but Jews to give credence to his night in Jerusalem (in *Nights Abroad*). He says that in the Holy City the poet in him rebelled, as he watched the wailers at the Wall, against the heathenish attempts of a hundred faiths to win by a generous outpouring of blood the favour of God. And that before he went away from the Wall for the final time, before the dawn broke and tinted the blue sky with splotches of lighter hue, he came back to it and kissed it where it was still warm and wet with the tears of the mourners.

It may interest readers to learn Konrad Bercovici's views on discrimination against Jews in literature. He believes that the Jew is discriminated against throughout the literary world, when all things are equal. That is to say, when a Jew has as much to offer than a non-Jew, the latter is favoured. Jews of to-day seeking entry into letters, must be infinitely better prepared than the average seeker of literary glory. With the balance of acquirements heavily on their side, they will command due consideration. "Don't ever become Jew-conscious," he warned me during a walk uptown one time, "because you immediately develop an inferiority complex which will submerge your every quality. And there's nothing to be ashamed of in being a Jew, unless you're the kind of a Jew who ought to be ashamed of hurting all of his co-religionists by his misdemeanors."

Another indication of the intensity of Judaism as well as Romany in his soul, is his love for colours. He gloats on the picturesque, the bizarre, almost, I might say, the gaudy. He may condemn it in others but one always finds justification for one's own predilections.

I could go an interminably describing Konrad Bercovici but it would be little short of a panegyric—and he is modest. Suffice it to say that the gypsy of literature is decidedly representative of the idyllic in Judaism, and that the faults he may have—God knows they are numberless—are forgiven him by the influence of his charming person-

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